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# PHS musical program to host 'Encore' benefit concert

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Are you or someone you know an alumni of Plainwell High School musical program?

If so, PHS choir director Abby Ernst would like to invite you to "reprise" one or your roles from a musical in which you participated while at PHS.

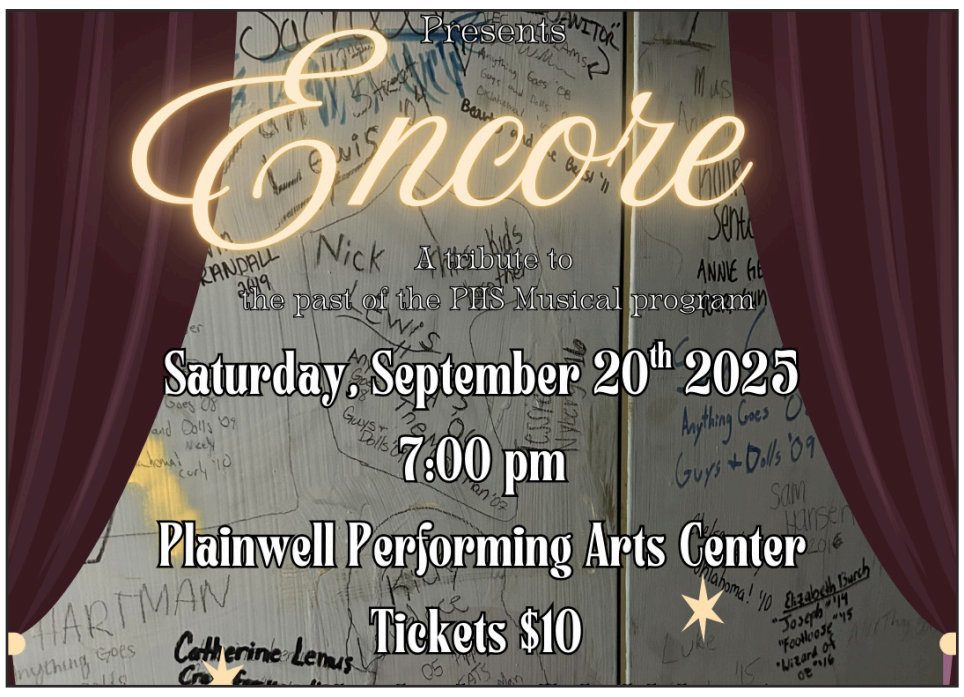
The performances will be part of a concert called "Encore," which will serve as a fundraiser for the Plainwell musical program.

The concert is scheduled for Saturday, September 20, giving participants plenty of time to dust off those old song sheets and start rehearsing.

Ernst—herself an alumni of the PHS musical program—is hoping for a good turnout from musical alumni spanning several generations.

"Plainwell has such a strong connection with their alumni," Ernst said. "I'm an alumni, and I realized that almost every other alum hired into Plainwell schools was a part of the musical program during high school.

"I feel deeply connected to the history of the Plainwell musical program, and I've found that many others do as well. So I thought it would be so awesome to give former members a chance to feel that spark again."




So far, the response to the concert has been strong. Ernst said she's been contacted by alumni from every decade back to the 1970s.

"I've been thrilled with the response we've gotten in the early planning stages for the concert," Ernst said. "As people who have been through the program know, it is much like a family. And any time we are together again, it feels like a reunion.

"It has been so fun to hear from people I went to school with as well as those who I remember seeing in the musicals when I was a young kid."

And it's not just past performers who have contacted Ernst.

"We also have had past directors reach out and ask to be involved, which feels very special," Ernst said.

In addition to previous actors/singers and directors, the concert is open to those who were in the pit or involved in the PHS musical program in any way.

"We are working on some solos, duets and small group numbers, as well as an opener and closer using a chorus of alumni," Ernst said.

Funds raised from the concert will go directly to the PHS musical program to help with such expenses as building sets, purchasing costumes and securing the rights to future musicals.

Anyone interested in getting involved should contact Ernst at abby.ernst@plainwellschools.org

"Right now, we are in the very beginning planning stages and I'd like as many people to reach out as possible," Ernst said. "Once someone contacts me, I'll add them to a contact list.

"As we get closer to the concert date, there will be rehearsals for the chorus, which can be attended virtually or in person in the PHS choir room."

Playbills from previous Plainwell High School musicals can be seen. (Photo provided)

Signs with the names of previous Plainwell High School musicals line the wall. (Photo provided)

# OPS releases summer meal, Bookin' Bus schedule

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching for area districts.

But after classes end for students who attend Otsego Public Schools on Thursday, June 12, the district will continue to provide services during the summer months.

That includes offering free meals and the opportunity to check out books.

OPS recently announced the schedule for its Meet Up & Eat Up meal program and the Bulldogs Bookin' Bus mobile library.

"Both of these programs are incredibly beneficial to our students, families and community," Otsego Public School superintendent Jeffery Haase said. "We hope that people will take advantage of both of them to enjoy a meal and a book on us this summer."

Meet Up & Eat Up is a federal program that allows school districts to offer meals at no cost for students during the summer. OPS has offered this program for the past 10 years.

Meet Up & Eat Up offers free breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday beginning Monday, June 16, and ending Friday, Aug. 1.

No meal service will be offered the week of Monday, June 30, though Friday, July 4, in recognition of the Independence Day holiday.

No sign-up is needed to participate in the program and there are no income requirements or guidelines.

All individuals 18 years of age and under are eligible to receive the free meals. Individuals up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally, physically disabled that is recognized by a state or local public educational agency are also eligible.

Adults can purchase a meal for $5. All meals must be eaten on site.

Locations and times for Meet Up & Eat Up are as follows:

- Washington Street Elementary: (enter from the west side of the building, by the former swimming pool)
  - Breakfast is served from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m.
  - Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Otsego High School: (use main entrance)
  - Breakfast is served from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m.
  - Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Watson Mobile Home Park
  - 7-day meal delivery each Tuesday from 9 to 10 a.m.
- Lombardini Mobile Home Park
  - Lunch is served from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m.
- Otsego's Northside Park
  - Lunch is served from 12 to 1 p.m.

All meals must be eaten on site, with the exception of Watson Mobile Home Park.

And while students are enjoying their meal, they can read a book they borrow though the Bookin' Bus mobile library.

This program allows students to check out books throughout the summer months in an effort to maintain and/or improve reading proficiency.

The Bookin' Bus will make stops on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Tuesday, June 17. Service will continue through Thursday, July 31.

No stops will be made on Tuesday, July 1, or Thursday, July 3.

The Bookin' Bus stop schedule is as follows:

- Washington Street Elementary: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:45 to 11:15 a.m.
- TOP Pavilion/Riverfront: 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. (except June 24 and July 29).
- Lombardini Mobile Home Park: Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Otsego's Northside Park: Thursdays from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.

OPS students line up to enter the Bookin' Bus so they can borrow books to read during the summer months. (Photo provided)

OPS will again be serving free meals for anyone 18 and younger, both at district buildings and in locations in the community. (Photo provided)

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# Wing of Hope and Wings Home benefit from Ride

**By Gari Voss**

Allegan County Pleasure Riders hosted their 51st Annual Benefit Ride on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at Silver Creek Equestrian Park in Hamilton. Even though there was a chill in the air, 138 riders of all ages rode the trails to collect money for Wings of Hope Hospice and Palliative Care and Wings Home.

"Despite the storms on Thursday before the event and the threat of rain on Friday, our dedicated participants came out to join the event, rain or shine," shared event coordinator Pam Brown. "Thankfully, the area around the Silver Creek Equestrian Park saw no significant storm damage."

The riders raised $15,327.00 that was split between Wings Home and Wings of Hope Hospice. The "checks" were accepted by Shelby Pickett for Wings Home and Linda Dockweiler for Wings of Hope Hospice.

As in rides past, there were a number of large ticket prizes given to those who donated money, plus smaller prizes for other categories.

"When the first ticket of the 4 top donors was drawn for the Grand Prizes, Nancy VandenBrink was speechless," explained Brown. "She has attended our event for 21 years, and always wanted to win the saddle. This time she did."

As the tickets were drawn, Teresa Tein won the portable garage shelter, Laura Collingsworth won the patio set and outdoor rug, and Lexie Wenzel took home the backyard fireplace with safety screen.

In other categories:

The oldest rider, at 70 years young, was Sue Kernoodle.

The rider who came the furthest distance to the park with their rig and horse was Kristin Brinker who came from Colorado.

The youngest boy riding his own horse was 7-year-old Mason Vroman.

The youngest girl rider on her own horse was tied this year with Kinzlee Collier and Emma Vroman, both 4 years old.

"We can't say it enough that we couldn't do this event without the overwhelming support from our many t-shirt sponsors, and Neighbors House Bar and Grill for donating lunch. There was Millbrook Tack, along with local merchants, and the Pleasure Riders members who provide smaller items for our prize tables," thanked Brown. "Then there is FACETS who maintains the many miles of horse trails that we use out on State Land."

An overall thank you goes to the Allegan County Pleasure Riders who take the time and effort to obtain donations to support the ride. Fifty-one years is a long time. Many of the original founders are no longer alive, but their spirit continues to fill the trails and events that support non-profits across Allegan County.

Shelby Pickett accepted the check for Wings Homes while Linda Dockweiler received the check for Wings of Hope Hospice and Palliative Care after the Allegan County Pleasure Riders' 51st Annual Benefit Ride on Saturday, May 17, 2025. The riders raised $15,327.00 that was split between the two organizations. Photo: P. Brown

Horses and riders were chomping at the bit to get started on the Allegan County Pleasurer Riders 51st Annual Benefit Ride on Saturday, May 17, 2025. 138 riders braved the chilly weather after storms ravages Allegan County on May 15th.

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# Preparing for Memorial Day

**Cemeteries around the county had visitors with hands full of American flags taking time from their normal routines to make sure each veteran's grave was refreshed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 26, 2025. This included not only city cemeteries, but the small cemeteries that dot rural Allegan County. Cheshire Township clerk Jodi Pinnell sent out a request for people to gather at the four cemeteries in Cheshire Township to refresh the flags on the graves of veterans. The group at Lindsley Cemetery on 104th Avenue near the Township Hall gathered on Thursday, May 22, 2025, and had a wonderful time moving among the tombstones, locating veterans, and replacing flags. In less than an hour, they had completed their task. Many of the veterans who reside in the cemetery have no family members to place flags or add flowers, so the turn out of volunteers was a welcome sight. As several of the group shared, it was a simple yet powerful tribute and thank you to our veterans. Photo: G. Voss**

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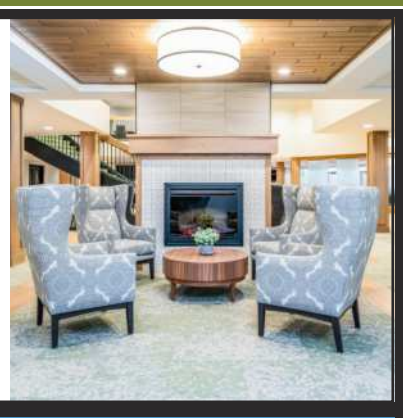

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# Community Events



**Community Calendar - Week of May 26, 2025**

**EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!**

**Don't forget to register for**
**Fri., May 30 & Sat. May 31, 2025, 5pm: 12th Annual Living History Cemetery Tour**
Oakwood Cemetery Western Ave. Allegan
Tickets are on sale at Allegan City Hall.
**Sat., May 31, 2025, 9am-1pm: Native Plant Sale**
Allegan Conservation District 2412 Taft Rd. Allegan
**Sat., May 31, 2025, 10am: Eccentric Garden's 2 Year Celebration**
Eccentric Garden 136 Brady St. Allegan
**Mon., June 4, 2025, 6pm: Act Out**
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan

**CURRENT EVENTS**

**Wed., May 28, 2025: Library Fun**
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
**10am: Play Café** – Caregivers can enjoy refreshments while little ones have supervised play
**6pm: Michigan Children's Author Talk – Lisa Dorvinen** – MI author explains how she uses life experiences and passions to create stories.

**Wed., May 28, 2025, 2:30-4pm: MACC Membership Meeting**
Ransom District Library Plainwell
This is an opportunity to network with other MACC members, share updates for your organization, and learn about what other organizations are up to. The event is free; there will be some light refreshments available. Please RSVP at https://form.jotform.com/250435370272047.

**Wed., May 28, 2025, 2-4pm: Friends on Wednesday – Potluck Picnic**
Allegan Riverfront Come down the A1 Tech drive.
FoW will provide sandwiches. Bring a dessert, side dish or whatever you would like to share. Bring family and friends. A walk will be taken to see the progress on Mahan Park. Call to inform FoW how many sandwiches to order for you and your friends. (269) 673-4631

**Wed., May 28, 2025, 5-7pm: Multi-Chamber After Hours**
Bay Pointe Inn 11456 Marsh Rd, Shelbyville
Register by May 21 at director@alleganchamber.com or call 269 673-2479.

**Thurs., May 29, 2025, 8am-2pm: Allegan Farmers Market**
Corner of Water & Cutler Streets Allegan
Find fresh produce, crafts and fresh plants along with food from The Mobile Crave.

**Thurs, May 29, 2025, 10:30am: Preschool Storytime**
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
2-5 year olds are treated to stories and fun with Help Me Grow.

**Fri., May 30 & Sat. May 31, 2025, 5pm: 12th Annual Living History Cemetery Tour**
Oakwood Cemetery Western Ave. Allegan
Learn the lore and legend brought to life with first person portrayals of those who now reside at the cemetery. Multiple groups travel each evening with a tour guide. Ticket sales go to clean and repair the headstones. Check Friends of the Oakwood Cemetery to reserve a spot.

**Fri., May 30, 2025, 10pm: Live Music: Don Field**
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**Sat., May 31, 2025, 9am-1pm: Native Plant Sale**
Allegan Conservation District 2412 Taft Rd. Allegan
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**Sat., May 31, 2025, 10am: Eccentric Garden's 2 Year Celebration**
Eccentric Garden 136 Brady St. Allegan
Help celebrate. Enjoy the love of plants and more with goodie bags, discounts and prizes to thank the community for their support.

**Sat., May 31, 2025, 10:30am: Jumpstart Your Genealogy**
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Begin or continue exploring your family history with Megan Heyl.

**Mon., June 4, 2025, 6pm: Act Out**
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Drop in and learn about acting from Spike Kunetz, a veteran of the Chicago theater scene.

**Mon., June 4, 2025, 4-8pm: Stitch Night at the Den**
Bear & Fox Yarn Den Brady St. Allegan
Bring a project and drop in for a casual evening of stitching.

**Wed., June 4, 2025, 7pm: Austin Lanier, motivational speaker**
Wayland Union Fine Arts Center Wayland
The whole community is invited to enjoy the conversation with Austin Lanier to discuss mental health, suicide prevention and healthy identity. Special thanks to the Wayland Union Education Foundation.

**Wed., June 4 – Sat., June 7, 2025: GLAMARAMA**
Allegan Co. Fairgrounds Allegan
The Great Lakes Area Motor Coach Association Annual Rally will take over the fairgrounds to highlight the best in camping.

**Wed., June 4, 2025, 6pm: Pintesting – Felt Flower Bookmarks**
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
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**Thurs., June 5, 6pm: Salve Making**
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
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**Thurs., June 5, 2025, 7-8pm: Allegan Jaycees General Meeting**
Sassy Olive 125 Locust St. Allegan
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**Sat., June 7, 2025, 7am-3pm: Lake Allegan Carp Derby**
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**Sat., June 7, 2025, 10am: Drone Club**
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
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**Sat., June 7, 2025, 8pm: Down Under Comedy Show**
Tantrick Brewing 243 Hubbard Down Under on the Riverfront Allegan
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**Mon., June 9, 2025, 4-8pm: Stitch Night at the Den**
Bear & Fox Yarn Den Brady St. Allegan
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**Tues., June 10, 2025, 9am: Coffee for Vets**
Lutheran Church, 631 Grand Street, Allegan
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**Tues., June 10, 2025, 6:30-7:30pm: Environmental Book Club**
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan
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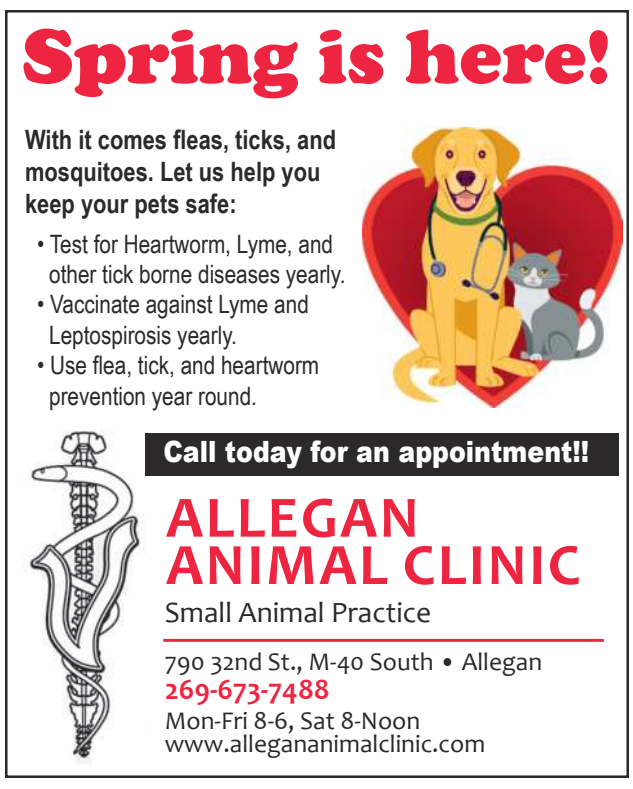
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# All Michigan Shop Hop puts quilting on the map

**By Gari Voss**

**The 2025 All Michigan Shop Hop featured panel displays Michigan. The 36″ x 42″ panel shows the state map along with Michigan's surrounding lakes with icons of the area's natural beauty. The All Michigan Shop Hop begins June 1, 2025, and runs through July 31st. The catalog of participating shops and the names of the other 101 Shop Hop stores can be purchased at Sharon's Quilts and More on Locust St. in Allegan.**

The All Michigan Shop Hop will begin June 1, 2025, and run through July 31st. This is the second year that quilters from around the state get their passports and head out to find the fabric shops across the state that participate in the event.

Sharon Jager, of Sharon's Quilts and More in Allegan, shared that last year there were 81 stores participating, and this year there are 102.

Those interested can stop at their local fabric shop and purchase a catalog and passport. They also receive this year's beautiful quilt square which highlights the state of Michigan. Each shop will also give the participant a quilt square that represents that shop.

Sharon's Quilts and More will be open on Sunday June 1, 2025, from 10am-2pm because they are not doing pre-orders. And they will be open regular hours until July 31st for those Shop Hoppers who waited until the last minute.

There are participants who are diehard quilters and take the two months to traverse the state to find all participating shops. Last year, two participants from Allegan joined the ranks of those gaining all of the shop squares.

"The 2025 All Michigan Shop Hop™ features an exclusive line of fabrics by Windham Fabrics," shared the event organizers. "These designs were made especially for this event and can be found only at our participating stores. Shop Hop exclusive fabrics often sell out, so be sure to pick up what you need for your projects early during the Shop Hop!"

Shop Hop Inc™ was organized by Koleene Herlocker and Jen Gasper. With the vision of creating a quilt shop hop in the state of Iowa, they began soliciting quilt shops that would participate. The vision and excitement caught on. For the 2025 Shop Hops, there are 18 states participating.

"By participating as a shopper or sponsor," explained Herlocker and Gasper. "You are supporting quilting stores across the country — and having some amazing adventures along the way."

This year's featured fabrics include the sensational seasons of Michigan. An initial 36″ x 42″ panel shows the state map along with Michigan's surrounding lakes with icons of the area's natural beauty. Additional 8.5″ scenic strips feature similar icons that are separated by 2″ state name strips.

Participants can purchase four complementing prints that feature winter, spring, summer and fall icons. Areas of the state like Petoskey spotlight the famous Petosky stone, fossilized coral, that is the Michigan state rock.

By purchasing the All Michigan Shop Hop Magazine, there are suggested patters plus online patterns. Additional information can be found at https://allmichiganshophop.com/.

"Our stores also put together many projects, patterns and kits," explained Herlocker and Gasper. "Look for these during your Great Sewing Adventures™ across Michigan. We look forward to seeing what you create with our 2025 fabrics!"

# Faces in the Crowd

**By G C Stoppel**

Last week, the question for the folks on the street was what Memorial Day means to you. What are your plans for the first long weekend of the summer?

-Couple at a farmer stand on M-89: Man: "Not much. I guess. We'll go to Douglas for the parade and listen to your speech and then drive out to the cemetery to water the flowers on her folks' grave."

-Young child with them, perhaps a grand or great grandchild, "Will there be fireworks? I want to see them. I love fireworks!" The Olds explained there are no fireworks on Memorial Day.

-Woman at the Fennville grocery store, "Stocking up on burgers and brats and the sides. I'll let him get the beer 'cause I know he'll remember that."

-Man, same location. "If the weather's decent we'll probably put the boat in and enjoy Hutchins's [Lake]. Or, watch the Tigers."

-Couple near the Blue Goose, Woman, "A granddaughter graduates this year, so we're having a big party for her at our place on Sunday." When asked about her future plans, the man replied, "She's going into nursing. At least that's her plan." Woman, interrupting, "But you know how kids are these days. She'll probably change her mind."

"Older man near the Allegan Public Library, "Come down here for the big doings and that's about it. No real plans, I guess."

-Man and two children near the Huntington Bank: Young girl: "Daddy said we're going camping for a couple of days." Man: "I got reservations at a campground so, that's the plan. They got a swimming pool and rec hall." Girl again, "And Mommy said she wanted us to have lots of fun and bring home stories to tell her when we get back."

-Woman near the Allegan County Newspaper offices: "Me and some of my friends will do the traditional stuff - the parade and speeches. And then I'll go over to the cemetery for a little while. My folks are buried there, and I like to remember."

-Couple near Minnie's; Woman: When the kids were still home we used to take them to the parade and the ceremony, and then they got old enough and were in the band. It seemed like a snap of a finger and we were empty nesters, and we sort of felt we'd seen and done it enough we didn't need to do it anymore." Man: "Well, nothing says you and I can't go on our own without the kids keeping an eye on us so we don't get into trouble." Laughs. She answered, "We'll see."

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# Biden's health problems should have been revealed to public

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So, we are now hearing what many of us have suspected for a long time. President Biden's term in office was marred with health problems too the point that for much of his presidency his closest advisors were acting as president for many functions.

Books, particularly CNN's Jake Tapper's, detail a president who was suffering from cognitive decline to the point where on a particular day, advisors didn't know whether he would be capable of functioning as president or not.

But that's last week's news. Now we have learned Biden has terminal prostate cancer. It is in his bones, and we haven't been told whether it has reached his brain. He doesn't have long to live and I ask everyone to pray for our former leader. It is a sad ending to a 50-year political career.

It has been reported that Biden hadn't had a PSA test, which is typically done on any man over 50 yearly when he gets a physical, in 14 years. I find that hard to believe. He supposedly has access to the finest medical care in the world. The President of the United States doesn't submit to a simple PSA test that would detect prostate cancer on a regular basis? Sorry, that's virtually impossible. More likely, his doctor and family knew he had cancer early on in his term and everyone agreed to keep it quiet.

Prostate cancer progresses more slowly than other cancers. It takes many years for it to reach terminal, and if caught early it can be treated effectively. There are various treatments including radiation seed implants, cyber knife, proton therapy, radiation therapy, freezing cancer or surgery to remove the prostate. If one waits or delays treatment the cancer will eventually escape and spread to your bones and other parts of your body. But for most this takes years, many years to happen.

I question what Biden's confidant, White House Doctor Kevin O'Connor, has been doing all these years. The doctor must be aware of Biden's condition and should have been providing treatment, for several years. Why was his cognitive decline and prostate cancer revealed to the public? Why were O'Connor and his closest aids, including Jill and Hunter Biden, performing duties of the presidency?

We are a sympathetic nation and would have great sympathy for the president's health if we were informed. We all have a mother, father or close relative that has suffered from dementia. Ditto prostate cancer. We would have accepted that a close advisor was helping perform some of the presidential duties to allow the president to complete his term.

But that wasn't the case. Instead, we were fed a pack of lies. Biden we were told was the healthiest 80-year-old alive and worked circles around all of us. And then, when all this was going on he decided to run for a second term. Or was it he? I got a feeling it was his family, mostly his wife, Jill, that desperately wanted to enjoy First Lady status for another four years, despite her husband's failing health.

He should have been forced to retire and spared the embarrassment of that horrible debate performance. With his health he had no business running for a second term. Additionally, as a nation we should have been informed of his health condition. Transparency is so important when you represent the people, and the Biden administration was remiss in providing information important to the public on many levels.

That said, we all need to say a prayer for our 46th president. Pray that he can live in retirement peacefully for a few more years. And if you are a male over 50, get that PSA test often. It's a matter of life or death.

# Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

According to the historian Matt Ridley, in 1700 King Louis XIV of France, had 498 people preparing his meals. This would have included chefs and sous chefs and their assistants, bankers, butchers, and the crew that kept the ovens stoked. Add to that the cleanup workers, those who set the tables and folded the napkins, polished the silverware, and so on. It might have included the employees working in the vineyards or the coopers making the wine barrels. However you want to describe it, a hefty payroll will do the job.

Being the Sun King doesn't seem like a bad gig, if you can get it. Most of us would willingly trade places with him, but that doesn't mean Louis was a happy man. Very likely, if he studied ancient Egyptian history, he would be miserable. The pharaohs were at the top of any all-time list of rulers who had great wealth they could afford great power and pleasure. One of them expected to have a breakfast of lark's tongues to start off his day.

When we think about it, we might have even more people looking after our needs than Louis or the Egyptian kings. The primary difference between several hundred years ago and now is that we do not really think about the huge number of people who take care of us. Louis and his mates primarily relied on locally sourced food; we have come to think of important food as something of a birthright: fresh fruit out of season, coffee, tea, chocolate, are just the start. All of those commodities take a large number of people to grow the produce, harvest and ship it, process it, and eventually get it on our shelves.

Most of us keep our blinders on so we don't have to look at our reliance on others. We would prefer to remain blissfully unaware of them. Worse, we would rather focus on what we do not have and wallow in our misery.

The French mathematician and contemporary of Louis XIV, Pascal who wrote Peneese, observed, "I have often said that the sole cause of man's unhappiness is his inability to stay quietly in his room." That applies to us today.

Today, just as in the past, rulers and the very wealthy love to go to war or engage in various intrigues hope will give them more wealth and more power. People like you and me set our sights much lower. We love intrigue and drama, and even when we cannot actively engage in it, it is a favorite form of entertainment. For example, are Kevin Costner and Helen Mirren in the television series Yellowstone are all that far removed from medieval rulers? Or are the "Real Wives of.." any different from the drama queens of the royal courts. Even a liquor commercial features a brief segment where the actress demands, "Give me xxxx and drama!"

No wonder so many people are so unhappy. Instead of staying quietly in our room, the moment life gets too quiet, we want to stir things up. Pascal pointed out that this explains the real quest for economic, social, and especially political power. "We want to be diverted from who we are." Perhaps a better way of saying it is that we want to be diverted from what we have made of ourselves."

Pascal lands another hard blow when he wrote, "Some seek external diversion and occupation, and this is the result of their constant sense of wretchedness. Rest proves intolerable because of the boredom it produces. They must get away from it and crave excitement."

We all have people in our lives who crave excitement, and when live gets too quiet for them, they stir up the drama. We never know what will set them off or when it might happen. They like that because they have the power to control us as we tread lightly on eggshells. They are the Jay and Daisy Buchanan of Fitzgerald's great novel The Great Gatsby. Near the end of the saga, the narrator Nick Caraway tells how they like to break things up and then retreat back into the wealth until the next time.

For us, those who create havoc may not have money, but they will retreat back behind whatever barriers walls they have created to protect themselves.

There is only one true personal antidote to this misery, and that is to create real, true, genuine meaning in our life. It begins when we make the intentional choice of keeping drama out of our life. We can do that, although sometimes that decision is a tough one; keeping it is even tougher.

The second question we have to answer is what positive thing or things are we going to create or embrace that will give our life true meaning and a sense of purpose. My favorite example comes from the French impressionist artist, Claude Monet. He created magnificent paintings, and in time became a sought after and wealthy painter. What recharged his emotional batteries and gave deep meaning to life was his garden that was filled with water lilies.

All of us, provided that we work at it, can find examples all around us of people have devoted themselves to finding and maintaining a sense of purpose.

Go forth and find that one true thing that brings real meaning to you, dwell on it, focus on it, and follow Pascal's advise - stay quietly in your own room.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Breaking Older News!!!

Dear Editor:

November 2024, the People of the United States spoke and rejected the fantasy relating to the Democratic Administration and its Policies.

Just a reminder and being clear, the past administration reached new pinnacles of deception, moral decay, … and cultural corruption by promoting an illusion of leadership and competency. The Emperor and supporters have No Cloths. It's time, actually past time, to admit some elected and appointed personnel are just people who talk stuff, look Kool, … and support social corruption.

It's clear, the Crossroads for America article's author yearns for the status quo governing by hidden, secret and mysterious persons and committees while all the time providing Geriatric Care.

Some would say, "the past Democratic Administration behaved as Decepticons". FYI: Decepticons are known for their villainous actions, including using Special Truths and employing cruel tactics to achieve their goals and stay in power

How about a dose of reality? Just admit, lies and liars populated the last Democratic Administration at the expense of citizens.

*Phil Zamlynski*

### Shame on Rep Huizenga for not participating

To the Editor:

I want to give Mr. Zamlynski a hearty thank you for highlighting Rep. Huizenga's refusal to participate in a town hall held at the Wayland High School. I also want to rebut his suggestion that US Senator Elissa Slotkin was a no-show, as she was never expected to attend. Hillary Scholten, a congresswomen from a nearby district had planned to be present but had to cancel due to a scheduling conflict.

Mr. Huizenga really needed to show up and tell us how the legislation he had a hand in crafting benefits those of us living in this district.

For instance, he just voted for a budget bill which will take medical care away from many people living in this area. That bill will blow a hole in Michigan's budget. This, in turn, will trickle down to the local level, potentially closing local hospitals and causing people to not seek medical attention they need. The same bill will make it more expensive to purchase health insurance and difficult for those of limited means to see a health care professional. But, the budget bill is not without its benefits. It provides tax breaks for billionaires like the DeVos family and Elon Musk. Seems like Mr. Huizenga would revel in the opportunity to tout those benefits to the people who voted for him as well as the wealthy donors who've funded his campaigns.

Again, thank you Mr. Zamlynski for bringing up Mr. Huizenga's absence. It's too bad the event organizers had to turn off your microphone after you spoke for more than five minutes. The people in charge just don't understand that the two-minute rule should only apply to people he disagrees with. Kinda like all the other rules and laws which are currently flouted by those who want to undermine long standing principles of the US Constitution.

*Sincerely,*
*William and Mary Jones*

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# Saugatuck Township installs sculpture at roundabout

SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP, Mich. – May 22, 2025 – A yellow, 11-foot sculpture has been installed at the Bluestar Highway roundabout in Saugatuck Township – making it the first public piece of art in the township. The "Canary in a Coal Mine" welded painted steel sculpture, created by Ohio artist Shawn Morin, was installed on Thursday, May 22.

"We're thrilled to unveil the 'Canary in a Coal Mine' sculpture as the first public art piece in Saugatuck Township," said Saugatuck Township Manager Daniel DeFranco. "This sculpture not only speaks to the environmental challenges that face our region, but it is a welcoming beacon to the 'Art Coast of Michigan.'"

The sculpture was funded in part by a $4,050 grant from the Saugatuck Douglas Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, and a $1,000 donation from art gallery, Capizzo Studio, in Saugatuck Township. It relates to the phase, "canary in a coal mine," dating back to 1911 when coal miners would take a canary into a mine. According to Morin, the bird would fly out of the mine when the bird sensed carbon monoxide, an environmental danger with potentially fatal consequences. While the practice is no longer used, the phrase continues to live on.

"The contemporary 'canary in a coal mine' is sending a danger sign that our environment is being destroyed," Morin said about the meaning of his sculpture. "Without action and awareness of the current situation, the environment dangers will surround us and will become deadly. We need a canary to wake up all who ignore their carbon foot print. The theme of the sculpture speaks to world environmental issues that are the same challenges faced in the Saugatuck area."

In his description of the Canary in the Coal Mine sculpture, Morin explains that the two yellow shapes at the top and bottom of the art piece suggest a bird form that has been transformed. The long columns represent the coal mine shaft where the space between is narrow and almost impossible to enter.

The single-lane roundabout, at the intersection of Blue Star Highway and Old Allegan Road, was constructed in the spring of 2024 in order to optimize traffic movement efficiently and improve safety at the intersection. It opened to the public last July.

Saugatuck Township will host a public dedication event for the roundabout sculpture later this summer.

"The 'Canary in a Coal Mine' sculpture was identified and recommended for inclusion in the area's public art collection by the Saugatuck Douglas Fennville Arts Initiative, headed by Maryjo Lemanski, a local resident and former owner of the Water Street Gallery," said DeFranco. "It's a landmark for Saugatuck Township and greatly enhances our busy roundabout. We look forward to holding a dedication ceremony for our area residents and the public later summer."

*About the Artist*

*Shawn Morin leads the Sculpture program at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, where he has served as chair of Three-Dimensional Studies, graduate coordinator, and assistant director in the School of Art throughout his 27-year tenure. His work his exhibited throughout North America and has found permanent homes in more than 20 public collections and 35 private collections. Working primarily in bronze, stone, steel, stainless steel, glass, and wood, Morin's current projects include large-scale sculpture for both public and private venues and clients.*

**Photo 2: The "Canary in a Coal Mine" welded painted steel sculpture was installed at the Bluestar Highway roundabout in Saugatuck Township on Thursday, May 22. The yellow, 11-foot sculpture, created by Ohio artist Shawn Morin, is the first public piece of art in the township.**

**"Canary in a Coal Mine" sculpture. The 11-foot welded painted steel sculpture was installed at the Bluestar Highway roundabout in Saugatuck Township on Thursday, May 22. It is the first public piece of art in the township. Courtesy photo of Ohio artist Shawn Morin.**

## Obituaries

### Gary Alan Walters, 71

**Gary Alan Walters**

Gary Alan Walters, 71, of Allegan, MI passed away Friday, May 23, 2025 at his home. Born March 8, 1954 in Holland, MI, he was the son of the late Burton Eugene and Rollene Jean (Wentzel) Walters and was the husband of Diane (Roush) Walters. Gary was a 1972 graduate of Hamilton High School where he played football. He worked as a truck driver for many years and, being an expert in the field, he loved watching "Ice Road Truckers" in his spare time and sharing his thoughts. Gary also liked watching "Antiques Road Show" and looking for his own treasures at local garage sales. He filled his time off going fishing, watching the Detroit Lions play and going hunting with Dan. Gary enjoyed taking drives on peaceful back country roads, which is where he took all his children to teach them how to drive. He loved classic cars, motorcycles and his dog, Levi. Gary would say that he did not care for any animals, but his family knew that wasn't true at all – he had a huge soft spot for them. Gary was a dedicated and loving husband and made sure his girls looked after Diane when he was not able to. He was a compassionate and selfless man whose family meant the world to him and, in return, his family loved him beyond words.

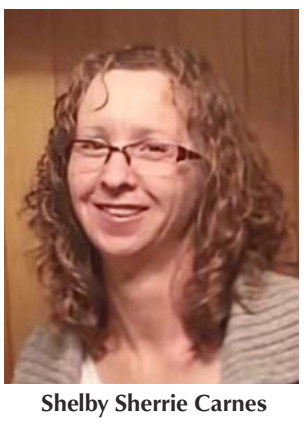
In addition to his wife, Diane, Gary is survived by his children, Kim (Larry) Madison, Alex (Nicole) Nee, Alisha (Jason) Davis, Theresa Vink and Amy (Veerpal) Singh; siblings, Ronald (Judy) Walters and Judy (Daniel) Ashbaugh; grandchildren, Adrian Sevitts, Nora Nee, Natalie Nee, Grace Vink and Jasiah Davis; and several nieces and nephew. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Debra Steifenberg; his infant grandson, Noah Singh; and his best friend and cousin, Michael Walters.

The family will receive friends at Allegan Bible Church on Thursday, May 29, 2025 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM and a funeral service will begin at 12:00 PM. Gary will be laid to rest in Riverside Cemetery in Hamilton. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105; or Shriners Hospitals for Children, Attn: Shriners Children's Processing Center, Atlanta, GA 30394.

### Diane L. Green, 70

Diane passed away, Thursday, May 22, 2025, in Wyoming. She born June 4, 1954, in Allegan, the daughter of Willard and Ardyth (Shaw) Lumpp. Diane enjoyed baking, working in her flower gardens, bowling and collecting magazines and dolls. Surviving are her children, Joy Selby, Richard Foster and Vicki Foster; siblings, Willard Lee Lumpp and Denise Scott; 5 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren along with 4 nieces and a nephew. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Jeff and granddaughter, Deven Gomber. According to her wishes cremation has taken place. Contributions in memory of Diane may be directed to Faith Hospice. Messages of condolence may be posted at www.WinkelFuneralHome.com.

### Shelby Sherrie Carnes



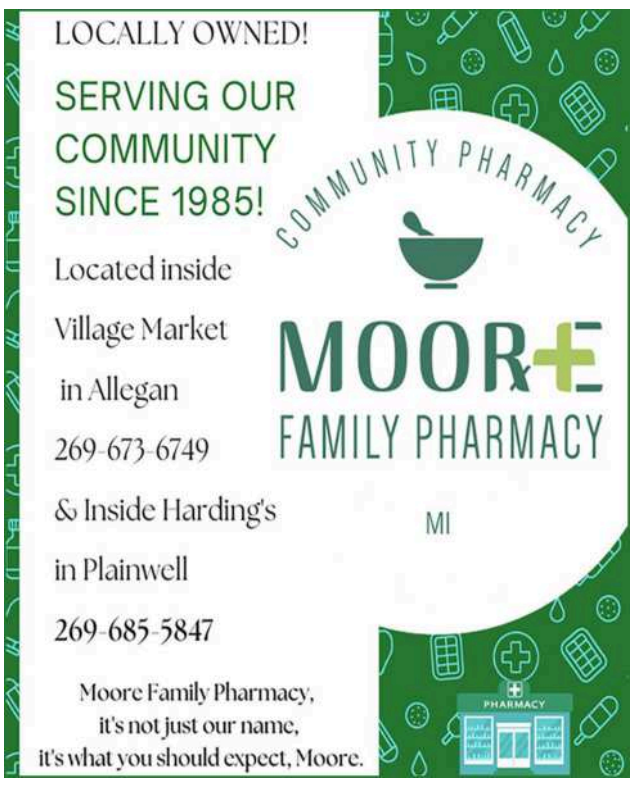
**Shelby Sherrie Carnes**

Let me tell you some things about this amazing lady. Shelby Sherrie Carnes was born on May 18, 1962, to John H. Parker (2019) and Dawn I. Parker (Mohr, 2024). Shelby was married to her loving husband Michael H. Carnes. She graduated from Fennville High School in 1981. Shelby joined the team at Campbell's Mushroom Farm and worked there for over 15 years. She did the same at the Fruit Canners in Fennville. She grew with both companies. When she was struck with cancer she was in the Material Handling Department at the Canners. She was a valued employee.

Shelby's life was about more than just work. She has two beautiful daughters, Tabitha Shiver and Chelsea Barnes, that she raised as a single mom into their teenage years. Cupid stuck Mike and her, and their families became one. Shelby was a strong woman and a strong mom. She enjoyed family times. There are many pictures of a day's catch, a dust covered track in Hartford, birthday parties and cook outs. Her quiet times were spent reading a good book and snuggling with her fur babies, Sammy and Rosie. In earlier years her snuggle buddy was Gauge, I am sure they are snuggling right now. She has raised many egg laying chickens in her time and has a nice little orchard that Mike and her nurture together . These are just a few things that make Shelby an amazing woman. She is already missed but will never be forgotten.

Shelby leaves behind her husband Michael H Carnes. Shelby is survived by her children Tabitha (Tim) Shiver, Chelsea Barnes (Justin Carter), Michael Carnes Jr., Benjamin (Tamara), Nastassia Carnes (Jesse Schipper) and Nicolause Carnes (Haley Tunstall); Brother, Chris Parker (2023); Sister, Sheila Duncan (Wesley Mitchell); nine grandchildren; her special Aunt Rachel (Doug) Congdon; Sister-in-law, Debbie (Ross) Anderson, Karen Carnes; and many cousins.

The family will receive friends at Chappell Funeral Home on Friday, May 30, 2025 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. A memorial service will begin at 1:00 PM.

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Players and coaches from the Hopkins baseball team were all smiles after sweeping Fruitport in a twin bill to claim the OK Silver title. (Photo provided)

# Vikings sweep sixth-ranked Fruitport to claim OK Silver title

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

FRUITPORT—On Friday, May 23, the Hopkins baseball team traveled to Fruitport for a doubleheader against the sixth-ranked team in Division 2.

The Vikings went home with a pair of nail-biting victories that gave them their first OK Silver championship since 2017.

In the opener, Hopkins starter Christian Smigiel out-dueled Fruitport's Ryan Bosche—a Wake Forest commit—as the Vikings prevailed 2-0.

The nightcap saw Hopkins rally from a 5-3 deficit by scoring two runs in the top of the seventh inning and another run in the ninth for the 6-5 victory.

Longtime Hopkins coach Pat O'Dell was understandably pleased with his team's effort.

"Our guys were excited to play Fruitport," he said. "I did not know they were ranked sixth in the state in Division 2, but I did know they had a great team. Fruitport has a very talented team, and we had two great baseball games. It was a lot of fun."

Bosche was dominant for Fruitport in game one, racking up 18 strikeouts with only one walk in his seven-inning, complete-game performance.

"We have heard a lot about Bosche and he did not disappoint," O'Dell said. "He is a great baseball player."

As good as Bosche was, however, Smigiel was a little bit better.

Because while he didn't rack up nearly as many strikeouts—three, to be exact—he changed speed effectively to keep the Fruitport hitters off balance throughout the game. He allowed just three hits and two walks for the complete-game shutout.

"Christian was fantastic," O'Dell said.

Hopkins scored both of its runs in the top of the second inning, with Smigiel and Michael Woollam each crossing the plate. Woollam finished the game 2-for-3—including a double—while Aaron Arnsman and Merek Zapolnik each singled.

Game two saw Hopkins starter Kellen Ford take a no-hitter into the fifth inning before Fruitport scored once in the fifth. A two-run homer by Bosche in the sixth inning knotted the score at 3-3, with Fruitport adding two more runs in the frame to go up 5-3.

Hopkins rallied to tie the score at 5-5 in the top of the seventh thanks to a two-run triple from Cody Benting.

Arnsman, who relieved Ford with two outs in the sixth inning, shut down Fruitport in the seventh and eighth frames to keep the game deadlocked.

In the top of the ninth, Ford tripled and later scored on a single by Benting for what proved to be the winning run.

Trent Smith came on to pitch the bottom of the ninth for Hopkins, working

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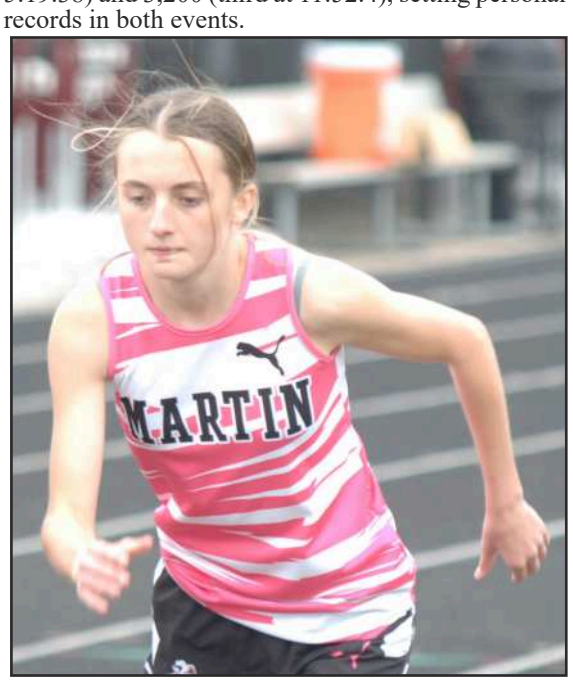
Kellen Ford went 4-for-4 with a double, a triple and a run scored in the second game against Fruitport. (Photo provided)

## R&C Trophy and Apparel, Inc. Athlete of the Week

**Veyda Conley**
Martin
Girls Track

Only a sophomore, Veyda Conley has already established herself as one of the top distance runners Martin High School has ever produced.

Conley added to her legacy at the Division 4 regional hosted by New Buffalo earlier this month, qualifying for the D4 State Finals in 1,600 (second at 5:19.38) and 3,200 (third at 11:52.4), setting personal records in both events.

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# Otsego cruises past B.C. Central to open district play

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

OTSEGO—The Otsego girls soccer team opened postseason play by hosting Battle Creek Central in a Division 2 district quarterfinal on Friday, May 23.

The game couldn't have gone much better for the Bulldogs.

Otsego scored eight goals in the game's first 12 minutes and led 12-0 at halftime, bringing the game to an end via the mercy rule.

The win upped Otsego's record to 14-01, while B.C. Central finished its season at 0-16-1.

Given the disparity between the Bulldogs and the Bearcats in terms of records, the game's outcome was pretty much what Otsego coach Levi Butcher was expecting.

"It wasn't the most competitive game, but we knew that going in," Butcher said. "But credit to BC Central for continuing to play and have a good attitude throughout the game. It has been a tough year for them, and results like this can take their toll.

"Their girls kept battling throughout, and showed poise after the match. We have seen it go the other way this spring, and some groups don't handle the disappointment well. Coach Rangel has clearly done a good job helping her players with the emotional side of things, which is such an important role we have as coaches."

For his team, the game allowed Butcher to get his entire roster involved. He was particularly happy to be able to give substantial minutes to his bench players.

"It was our first game in nearly two weeks, so it was just nice to play," he said. "I wanted to give some opportunities to some of our role players, and it was clear early on that it would be a good game for that.

"We have some players who have worked really hard throughout the year, but haven't gotten a ton of playing time given the quality of our starters. This was a good chance to move some players around and see how they responded."

Eight Otsego players scored at least one goal, with that same number racking up at least one assist.

Peyton Dennany led the offensive charge. She started the scoring off an assist from Sydney Timmons and finished with four goals and an assist.

Haylee Dennany accounted for two goals, with Olivia Witteveen going for a goal and two assists. Reagen Engbers, Peyton Johnson and Kara Moore each had one goal and one assist.

Layla Mejeur and Valeria Verdin each scored once, while Ruby Gerst and Allie Proctor joined Simmons with one assist.

Otsego keeper Zoe Alkire didn't face a shot on goal in securing the shutout.

The Bulldogs were scheduled to face Middleville—ranked 12th in Division 2—in a district semifinal Wednesday, May 28, at Gull Lake High School. The winner of that match will face either Plainwell or Gull Lake for the district title on Friday, May 30, at 6 p.m. at Gull Lake.

"As soon as this game ended, our focused shifted to our district semi against Middleville," Butcher said. "They offered us a difficult test in the first round last year, and they're ranked a few spots below us in the coaches' rankings again this spring.

"We feel like we're prepared for what they'll bring, but it is still going to be a good test for our squad."

Allie Proctor controls the ball for Otsego in the game with Battle Creek Central. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Otsego's Abbygale Graves (7) races down the field while trying to outrace a Battle Creek Central player. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

# Hawkeyes place third at MITCA Boys Track Team State

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

BERRIEN SPRINGS—Hamilton boys track coach Matthew Field wasn't exactly sure what to expect from his team at the MITCA Team State Meet on Friday, May 23.

After all, his seniors had their graduation ceremony the previous evening followed by their overnight grad bash, meaning they were operating on approximately four hours of sleep.

As it turned out, Field had nothing to worry about.

The Hawkeyes racked up 1,056.5 points to finish third behind champion Battle Creek Harper Creek (1,393) and Parma Western (1,359).

Hamilton entered the meet ranked 12th of the participating teams.

"Team State is a challenge for every team," Field said. "Our team's ability to compete and stay emotionally stable, while over half of them were running on little sleep, was remarkable."

According to Field, his team's performance at the Team State meet was simply a continuation of what his athletes have been practicing throughout the season.

"This season, we worked on compartmentalizing bad performances during the meet, and then we would re-address what went wrong after the meet was over," he said. "Today, we did not perform well in every event. But thankfully the athletes accepted those results and then moved their focus to their next event.

"Doing well at Team State requires good athletes, but more importantly it requires mentally and emotionally strong athletes."

Team State is always a goal for the Hawkeyes. It was even more so this year, given the team's senior-laden roster.

"This was the most important meet for us," Field said. "We talked about Team State the first week of practice and set the expectations to be top 5 in the state. We always prioritize Team State over all other meets because it is a true representation of our team.

"We have 63 guys on our team this season, most of which did not come to Team State with us. But we emphasize that our team result applies to all 63 athletes, not just the group that competed. These seniors love that mindset and have embraced it for years. Whatever happens at the MHSAA State Finals is just the cherry on top at this point."

Hamilton hosts the Division 2 MHSAA State Finals on Saturday, May 31, with 10 athletes slated to represent the team.

One of those athletes is senior thrower Logan Eding, who led the charge for Hamilton at Team State.

Eding finished second in discus (156-8) and fourth in shot put (52-1.5).

Fellow seniors Jeren Bronkhorst and Lincoln Phillips joined Eding with a pair of top-eight finishes in individual events. Bronkhorst was third in the 200 (22.35) and fourth in the 400 (51.71), while Phillips was third in the 300 hurdles (40.44) and sixth in the 110 hurdles (15.38).

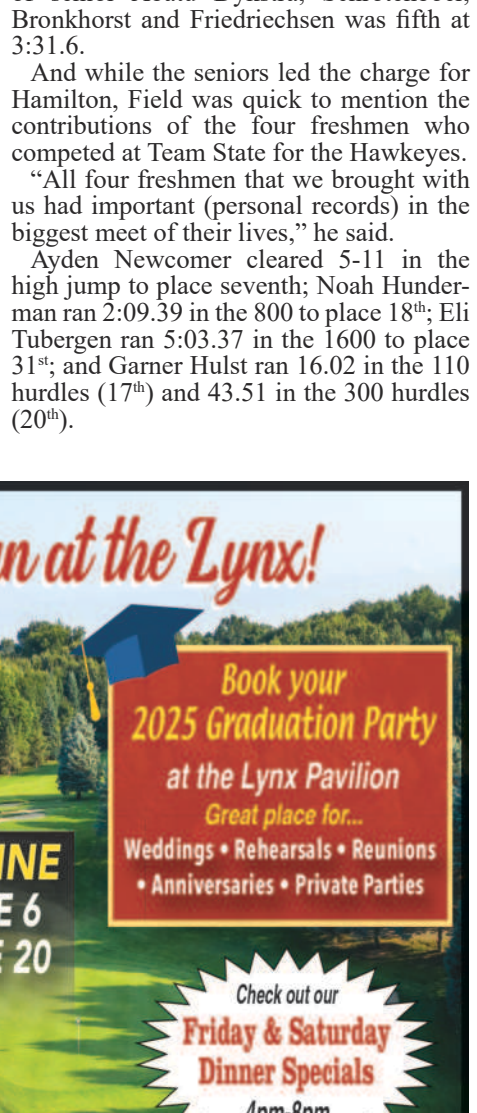
Junior Hudsen Hulst placed fifth in high jump at 5-11.

In the relays, the 4x200 team of senior AJ Friedriechsen, senior Zach Stoel, senior Gabriel Schrotenboer and Bronkhorst placed third at 1:31.45. The 4x400 team of senior Abatu Dykstra, Schrotenboer, Bronkhorst and Friedriechsen was fifth at 3:31.6.

And while the seniors led the charge for Hamilton, Field was quick to mention the contributions of the four freshmen who competed at Team State for the Hawkeyes.

"All four freshmen that we brought with us had important (personal records) in the biggest meet of their lives," he said.

Ayden Newcomer cleared 5-11 in the high jump to place seventh; Noah Hunderman ran 2:09.39 in the 800 to place 18th; Eli Tubergen ran 5:03.37 in the 1600 to place 31st; and Garner Hulst ran 16.02 in the 110 hurdles (17th) and 43.51 in the 300 hurdles (20th).



Hamilton's Logan Eding placed second in discus and fourth in shot put at the Division 2 Team State Meet. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

# Hamilton baseball drops pair to Hudsonville in battle of ranked teams

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

ALLENDALE—It was a battle of state-ranked teams when the baseball squads from Hamilton (No. 19 in Division 2) and Hudsonville (No. 4 in Division 1) squared off for a non-league doubleheader at Grand Valley State University on Friday, May 23.

And despite getting to well-pitched games from Carter Basinski and Dakota Breuker, the Hawkeyes dropped ends of twin bill by scores of 5-1 and 3-0.

Basinski and Breuker combined to allow seven hits and two earned runs with six strikeouts in 12 innings pitched. But Hudsonville was able to take advantage of four Hamilton errors to score six unearned runs.

Basinski drew the starting assignment in the opener, scattering three hits and striking out three in six innings of work. Hamilton trailed just 1-0 through five innings, but Hudsonville rallied for run runs in the bottom of the seventh to pull away.

Hamilton scored its lone run in the top of the seventh.

Owen Brown had two hits and scored a run in the loss, while Landon VanderZwaag added a single.

In the second game, Hudsonville scored twice in the second inning and once in the third. That accounted for the games only runs.

Breuker threw six innings, allowing four hits and striking out three.

Brown, Ben Nykamp and Clay Blauwkamp each had a single for Hamilton.

Hamilton, which fell to 21-8, will face either South Haven or Holland Christian in a Division 2 district semifinal on Saturday, May 31. First pitch is scheduled for 10 a.m. at Hudsonville Unity Christian.

The winner of that game will square off with the winner of the other semifinal between Holland and Unity Christian. The district title game is slated to begin at approximately 2 p.m.

# MHSAA announces changes after Spring Meeting

EAST LANSING—The approval of a pilot program assigning all four Lower Peninsula Tennis Finals to be played at one site and the addition of girls wrestling team championships for District and Regional rounds were among actions taken by the Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association during its Spring Meeting, on Sunday, May 4, and Monday, May 5, in Gaylord.

The Spring Meeting of the 19-member legislative body of the Association's more than 1,500 member schools is generally the busiest of its sessions each year. The Council considered 22 committee proposals and dealt with a variety of eligibility rule, postseason tournament and operational issues.

The tennis pilot program was an MHSAA Tennis Committee recommendation and will be conducted during the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years. All four Lower Peninsula Finals for girls and boys seasons will be played at the Midland Tennis Center, which in addition to substantial outdoor courts includes up to 16 available indoor courts in case matches must be played inside due to inclement weather.

Each season's four Finals will take place over two successive days during a two-week period – one division on a Wednesday and Thursday and the next on a Friday and Saturday, to be repeated the following week.

In girls wrestling, District and Regional team champions will be awarded during the upcoming 2025-26 season for the first time, after a Finals champion was awarded for the first time this past season.

Champions for all rounds will be determined by results from individual brackets as the sport continues to grow toward the possibility of a head-to-head team tournament.

A pair of football changes will be noticeable this fall.

The Council approved a Football Committee recommendation to not award playoff points to a team that forfeits a football game; previously, a team that forfeited would still receive the bonus points for scheduling that opponent, although a game was never played.

The Council also approved a Football Committee recommendation to assign neutral sites with artificial turf for the four 8-Player Semifinals near the end of each season. Previously, that round of the MHSAA Playoffs, like the first two of the 8-Player Tournament, was hosted by the participating team with the highest playoff-point average.

Anticipating the first MHSAA-sponsored boys volleyball season to be played in Spring 2026, the Council approved a pair of Volleyball Committee recommendations regarding tournament classification and structure.

The first establishes a tournament with two divisions, with classification determined by enrollment and delayed until September prior to this inaugural season only as to allow for a more accurate count of how many schools will have teams. The first MHSAA Boys Volleyball Semifinals and Finals will be played June 5-6, 2026, at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

The Council also approved the recommendation to include boys volleyball among sports for which cooperatives are permitted when the combined enrollment of schools involved is fewer than 3,500 students.

Here is a summary of other notable actions taken by the Representative Council at the Spring Meeting, which will take effect during the 2025-26 school year:

**Regulations**

• The Council approved a pair of changes to the sport-specific transfer regulation regarding the full-and-complete residential move exception that allows students to gain immediate eligibility.

The first increases the number of school days to 180 that a student who has changed residences and attends a new school must complete at that new school before returning to a previous school district and potentially having athletic eligibility in that former district.

The 180 days also applies to all persons with whom the student moved to the new school district; if those other persons move back to the former school district before 180 school days, the student loses eligibility in all sports at all schools until approved by the two school districts and the MHSAA.

The second change increased the amount of time an athlete's former residence must be signed into a long-term rental or lease agreement to a minimum of 12 months.

• The Council approved multiple clarifications to the definition of a scrimmage.

A clarification was added to note that win-loss records, team and individual statistics and records may not be accrued or achieved during a scrimmage. A statement was added as well explaining that in sports that do not use a timing device – for example, baseball and softball – at least one rule must be altered to indicate it is a scrimmage.

**Junior High/Middle School**

• The Council approved a change to allow junior high/middle school teams to begin fall practice on the first day of classes at that school if it's before the otherwise first allowable practice date on the 14th Monday before Thanksgiving.

Ninth-grade football teams from junior high/middle schools may begin practice on the same date as the grade 10-12 football teams of that school district if the ninth-grade team is comprised only of ninth-grade students who have been approved for eligibility advancement.

• Also concerning junior high/middle school athletes, the Council approved a Junior High/Middle School Committee recommendation to make seventh and eighth-grade students who are eligible for high school competition due to their high school's small enrollments also subject to high school transfer rules while in middle school and competing at the high school level.

**Sport Matters**

• **BASEBALL:** The Council approved a Baseball Committee recommendation to allow baseball players to play on multiple levels on the same day, with the 38-game season and daily limits still applying to all students.

• **BOWLING:** The Council approved a Bowling Committee recommendation to establish the official start of bowling practice as the third Monday before Thanksgiving.

The Council also approved a Bowling Committee recommendation to allow students to participate in no more than eight games on a school day (Monday-Thursday).

• **COMPETITIVE CHEER:** The Council approved the incorporation of a series of Competitive Cheer Committee-proposed technical high school and middle school rules recommendations into the 2024-26 Girls Competitive Cheer manual.

• **GOLF:** The Council approved a Golf Committee recommendation to allow Regional Tournament host schools to receive reimbursement for the expense of two referees.

• **TENNIS:** The Council approved two more Tennis Committee recommendations. The first will allow for all teams that tie for third place at their Regional to advance to Finals, but only in Lower Peninsula divisions where there are six Regionals.

The other approved change will allow continuous coaching between points and between non-changeover games, at all levels, if that coaching does not hinder the current pace of play.

• **VOLLEYBALL:** The Council also approved a Volleyball Committee recommendation to allow students to play in no more than 18 sets (games) per day.

The Council also reviewed reports on membership, with 754 senior high schools and 777 junior high/middle schools in 2024-25 plus 63 elementary schools with 6th-grader participation; cooperative programs, with 409 high school programs for 750 teams during 2024-25; eligibility advancement applications, which totaled four; the use of Educational Transfer Forms, of which there were 142; travel forms for out-of-state practice, school violations, attendance at athletic director in-service workshops and Coaches Advancement Program sessions; officials' registrations (which were up nearly two percent from 2023-24 as the total rose for the fourth-consecutive school year), and officials reports submitted for the past three sports seasons. The Association's $15.7 million budget for the 2025-26 school year also was approved.

The Representative Council is the 19-member legislative body of the MHSAA. All but five are elected by member schools. Four members are appointed by the Council to facilitate representation of females and minorities, and the 19th position is occupied by the Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee.

Hayden Buell (right) runs the ball for Martin last season. Moving forward, the 8-Player playoffs will feature semifinal games on neutral sites on artificial turf. (File photo)

In a volleyball change, all players (such as Allegan's Addy Fales) will be limited to 18 sets played per day. (File photo)

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around a hit to close out the game.

"Overall, I am super proud of this team for fighting and battling all day long," O'Dell said. "We knew they would be tough, and the games would come down to the wire."

Ford finished the game 4-for-5 at the plate with a double, a triple, two runs and an RBI. Smith was 2-for-4 with two runs and an RBI, while Benting was 2-for-5 with two RBI.

On the mound, Ford worked 5.2 innings and allowed five runs--three earned--on three hits with four walks and five strikeouts. Arnsma went 2.1 innings for the win, allowing one hit and one walk.

"All year long we have fought hard, and we communicated the importance of controlling what you can control," O'Dell said. "We want the guys not looking ahead, but rather staying focused on the current situation. That's exactly what they did in both of these games."

# Kalamazoo River cleanup above Trowbridge Dam in full swing

By Gari Voss

The cleanup of the Kalamazoo River for about a mile above Trowbridge Dam has begun in full earnest. The polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) are being removed using a combination of hydraulic suction and mechanical dredging. The river has been sectioned and assessed to determine the depth of the contamination so hydraulic and mechanical dredging could begin.

Redundant treatment systems are available to clean the water. All three run simultaneously. Once water runs through a set of large and small tanks, it is tested before being sent back into the Kalamazoo River. Photo: G. Voss

Visitors to Michigan in the 1800s thronged to the mouth of the Kalamazoo River in Saugatuck to catch the local paddlewheels and travel along the beautiful scenic river to the many towns that dotted its banks. The crowds of people, the residents, and businesses that utilized the river to forge a living or find enjoyment were poor stewards of the waterway.

By the mid-1800s, industry and waste disposal took their toll on the pristine waters of the great river. The quality of the water was so poor that communities along the river did not use it as a source for drinking water. Tourism came to a halt.

In the early 1950s, the odor and fish kill problems around the paper mills drew attention. In 1971, the problem was identified as PCBs. 1978 brought an advisory from the Michigan Department of Public Health regarding eating PCB contaminated fish. The 1987 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement designated the river an Area of Concern (AOC), and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, now EGLE, began what was termed a long-term clean-up project.

By 1990, the Kalamazoo River Superfund was designated to cover 80-miles of the Kalamazoo River from the Morrow Dam to Lake Michigan. The synthetic chemicals were traced to several industrial applications, especially the paper companies that had been discharging PCBs into the river during their de-inking process and waste disposal.

Under the supervision of the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE), the paper companies and their suppliers are responsible for removing contaminated sediment and soil from the river bottom and banks. The work is entirely funded by the companies, and no tax dollars are being used. The process began at Morrow Lake and Dam and has continued to move downstream.

The dredging is tediously precise and must be done extremely carefully in order to corral the PCB laden sludge, turn it into slurry, move it to huge Geotube bags, dry it, haul it away, then return the area back to its natural state. The latter part of the process requires not only removing dams but reinforcing shorelines and propagating indigenous plants.

The cleanup of the Kalamazoo River Superfund site seems to be taking "forever", but much has been learned as the areas along Portage Creek and where the Plainwell #1 and #2 Dams, and the Otsego Township Dam have been returned to nature. Once the Trowbridge Dam area is returned to its natural state, focus will be given the Otsego City Dam.

**Trowbridge Dam Project**

Under a consent decree with EPA, EGLE, and NCR Voyix (a papermill supplier), work is underway to remove contaminated sludge from the river bottom and along the banks between the Lynx Golf Course (900 Lincoln Rd) and the Trowbridge Dam (26th St. & 108th Ave.). The Trowbridge Dam's powerhouse with its generators and turbines were mostly removed in the mid-1970's, with additional work to stabilize the structure with metal sheet piles in 2019.

Though areas along the north bank of the river were cleared in 2023 in anticipation of laying out contaminated materials to dry before hauling them away, the project seemed to stall. But on closer examination, barge-like boats were carefully working their way up and down the river and taking samples. Clear, heavy-duty plastic tubes were pushed into the soils and sediments, removing cores of material which were carefully analyzed to determine how deep the excavations needed to be done in each section to remove the contaminated soil and sediment.

Determining the depth of the contaminated sediment was crucial. In some areas, contaminated material was found to be only around foot deep, but in other sections it was several feet. Sections of one-fourth to one-third acre were plotted by GPS and targeted for removal.

There is a section of sediment near the Osgood Drain closer to the dam. The drain runs under 108th Ave from Osgood Lake, about 3 miles away. A sandspit was formed from the built up sediment that created small islands, like the delta at the mouth of a river. Once established, trees and plants grew over the years. Therefore, the area between Osgood Drain and the dam has sediment mixed with extra debris above and below the water surface. This area requires mechanical removal.

Further upriver of the Osgood Drain, the sludge contains minimal debris, so the contaminated material can be suctioned directly into the Geotubes using a hydraulic system on J.F. Brennan's Michael B. Because of the previous sampling and plotting, the correct depth of sediment can be removed.

During the summer of 2024, when there seemed to be little activity in the area, contractors Milbocker Construction and J.F. Brennan Company created a crane platform, reinforced with sheet pilings, for equipment that would be used for mechanical removal. During that time, the Milbocker acreage west of 26th St. was cleared, and a large containment pond was built and lined with thick plastic where water would begin its purification process before it could be returned to the Kalamazoo River.

J.F. Brennan Company, which had great success suctioning PCB materials from Fox River in Wisconsin, duplicated the process of utilizing a hydraulic system combined with the mechanical system that could turn sediment into a watered down slurry which would move contaminated materials from the riverbed into thick plastic pipes which carry it to Geotubes so it could be dried before hauling.

'Part 1' of the project, involving the cleaning three fourths of a mile above the Trowbridge Dam, is the first step in restoring 2.8 miles of the river. 'Part 2' of the project will involve excavation of contaminated soil from the banks and restoration of the river banks and main channel. A pilot channel, similar to the one constructed upstream of the former Otsego Township Dam, will train the water on a new path. A temporary water control structure will replace what is currently left of the Trowbridge Dam, and the banks will be protected. Not until the pilot channel and restored banks are complete will the temporary water control structure be removed, returning the river to a natural flow.

Once the contractors finish their work between the Lynx Golf Course and the Trowbridge Dam, additional cleanup and restoration work will be required in the floodplains adjacent to the river channel to remove additional PCB contaminated soils. The estimate is that the current project will not be completed until 2028.

At this time, there is a conceptual design for the staging area off of 26th Street. Jaclyn Hulst, a member of the Allegan Parks Commission, shared that they have been reviewing the plan, and there is hope that this will eventually be a County Park. Again, much is to be accomplished.

**The Process**

A short walk to the crane pad that was constructed in 2024 brings visitors to the mechanical removal process. A sediment curtain has been installed downstream from a barge that sits in the middle of the river. On the upriver side of the barge, a Hitachi 470 bucket carefully dips down to the river bottom and scoops up a load. A metal cover is dropped in place to secure the sediment in the bucket. The arm turns and the contents of the bucket are dropped into an ALLU crusher bucket that sits on top of a slurry tank. River water is mixed with the sediment to turn it into slurry that can travel through a thick plastic pipe to the soil processing area.

About a mile upriver, the staging site was prepared for the hydraulic pumping that is done thanks to the Michael B. A large tube carries a slurry mix of about 80% water to 20% sediments to the soil processing area off 108th Avenue.

Everything is computer-guided thanks to all the previous testing and plotting. Every day, samples are taken using the heavy plastic tubes. From each GPS grid that is ¼ - ⅓ of an acre, samples are taken from four locations then mixed. The representative samples are picked up daily by the laboratory for analysis. If the numbers indicate that there are still contaminated materials, the area is cleaned again.

Once the slurry arrives at the 25-acre processing area, the fine materials, wood pieces, rocks, debris, clays and sand are separated from the mixture. If the slurry has PCBs greater than 50 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg), the slurry goes straight to the Geotube bags. If it is less than 50 mg/kg, the slurry goes into a huge sand wheel to remove coarse material and to be processed before moving over to the huge Geotubes where they begin the process of draining off the water. The water must be drained off to reduce the weight before shipping.

As the bags dry out, a flocculant may be added to help the remaining material solidify. Filled bags are stacked to further assist in the process. The process may take months before the bags are ready to be broken apart and the contents sent off to one of three approved landfill sites.

"There was some hope that by separating out the clay and silt, which bind with the PCBs, the remaining sand would be clean enough to be reused," Brian Kelly, an EPA on-scene coordinator, explained. "But the sand still shows very low levels of PCBs. We will continue separating the sand and improving the process, but right now the plan is to send sand and dried materials all off-site for disposal."

The bags are permeable, which allows water to seep out while retaining the sediment. To facilitate moving water from the Geotubes, workers whip the bags with large sticks or walk-behind compactors to reduce the surface tension. The workers wear thin, white Tyvek suits, which are just like overalls worn in manufacturing plants, to protect their clothes from getting dirty. The workers' movement on the bags speeds the expressing of water out of the bags and on its way to a containment pond, which is lined with thick plastic and tested to ensure there are no weaknesses or leaks.

The first step in water treatment is to spray ferric chloride on the water as it enters the pond. This settles out solids as the particles bind to the ferric chloride then sink. The water is then ready to go through the next steps of the treatment process. About 4 million gallons of water are sucked from the pond into the treatment system each day.

The water treatment system was specifically built to remove PCBs from the water which seeps out of the Geotubes. It includes a multimedia system of a sand and anthracite filter then through granulated, activated carbon. PCB contaminants stick to the activated carbon. The water is sampled after each stage of the filtering process, so four times before being returned to the river. By monitoring between each stage, filters can be replaced before problems occur.

"We are focused on removing the PCBs," explained Kelly. "We don't want to put PCB contaminated water back into the river."

**Keeping the Public Informed**

In 2021, EPA and DNR held meetings and invited all interested stakeholders, especially Trowbridge Township residents, to Trowbridge Township Hall for an outdoor brainstorming session. The goal was to gather possibilities of what the area around the removed dam could become once the contaminates were removed from the river and the area returned to its natural state.

When the excavation began on the east side of 26th St., the public was informed and invited to ask questions. Those especially along 108th Ave. east of 26th St. watched as machines moved in and out, and hills were flattened.

As plans moved forward with constructing the sand processing area along 108th Avenue, each and every property owner was contacted. They were invited to ask questions, and as the sites were developed, to take tours and learn about the process. As questions arose, residents along 26th St. and 108th Avenue requested tours.

Signage along the river for kayakers and canoers became extremely important. The first signs are in Otsego and lashed to the bridge at M-89 that advise paddlers to get out at the new Pine Creek boat launch constructed by DNR in 2024. The Pine Creek and Bittersweet launch areas have signs saying "Exit Now" to prevent people from paddling to 26th Street.

"We want everyone to enjoy the river, but this area is dangerous at this point," explained Kelly. "Even the wildlife – turtles, birds, deer, snakes - give us room because they don't like the noise and vibration of the equipment. As soon as we stop, they return."

As the process of cleaning the Kalamazoo River from Pine Creek to Trowbridge Dam continues, anyone with a question or concern is welcome to contact Mark Mills at millsm@michigan.gov or Brian Kelly at kelly.brian@epa.gov.

Looking east across the Milbocker property that holds the soil processing area where the slurry moving from the Kalamazoo River above the Trowbridge Dam is headed. Using a hydraulic system that begins about ¾ mile upstream and booster pumps on the dam, tubes carry the PCB laden slurry to the drying area where water is removed then treated before being returned to the river, and PCB laden sediments are dried. Photo: Jeffrey Wilkinson, GEI

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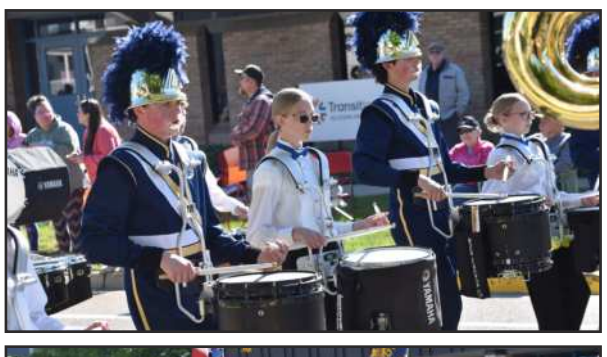
# Otsego, Plainwell celebrate Memorial Day

The City of Otsego began its Memorial Day observance with a ceremony at Mountain Home Cemetery, followed by a parade that made its way south on Farmer Street through the downtown area.

Along with several veterans, the parade featured the Otsego High School/eighth grade band, churches and youth groups.

The parade ended at Memorial Park, where a ceremony was held to honor those who gave their lives serving the country. (Photos by Jason Wesseldyk)



As it usually does, the Memorial Day parade in the City of Plainwell began at 11 a.m.

Parade participants lined up in front by Ace Hardware and headed east down E. Bridge St. toward Hillside Cemetery for a remembrance ceremony.

A stop was made on the bridge along the route in order to remember the military members who had been lost at sea.

The Plainwell High School band was featured in the parade, as were horses, bikes and various vehicles. (Photos by Jason Wesseldyk)

# Ransom Library to kick off summer program with color run

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

This year's theme for the summer reading program at Ransom District Library is "Color Our World."

And what better way to kick off that program than with a free color run through the streets of Plainwell?

The Color Our World Color Run is scheduled for Saturday, June 7, with a 10 a.m. start time at Ransom Library.

Ransom head of patron services Analiese Mattson is leading the efforts to organize the race.

"With the summer reading program theme being 'Color Our World,' there was a big push for the idea of having a color run," Mattson said. "Plus, we've been trying to provide access to health-focused events at the library for some time.

"Both myself and the other programming librarian, Julie Stout, enjoy running and 5ks. I've done a couple color runs specifically, and they are such have been such joyful runs that really showcase how fun getting moving and being healthy can be while bringing a community together in support."

For those who don't know what's involved with a color run, here's a summary:

Runners and walkers start off in a whit T-shirt. Along the race route, participants will have non-toxic powder of all colors flung at them as they go through different stations along the way.

"By the time they finish the run, they'll be covered in color," Mattson said.

The Color Our World Color Run includes a 5K run/walk, a one-mile run/walk and a 250-yard mini run/walk for children ages three through eight.

The race is free, and all slots have been filled.

"The response has been overwhelmingly positive and we are thrilled about that," Mattson said. "We expected a lot of interest, since not many road races are free, but we filled our limit very quickly. We were able to add the number of slots to 300, but even that filled up.

"We are just so pleased and hope to create a memorable event."

Even though the race slots are filled, community members can get involved in other ways. The library is still accepting a few volunteers, and everyone is encouraged to line the streets along the route and cheer for the participants.

"We would love for this event to be something the entire community will come out for and help encourage the participants," Mattson said. "By making motivational signs or just yelling 'you got this' to a runner can help make this event one to remember."

Ransom director Joe Gross will serve as emcee of the event in addition to playing some music to kick off the run and as runners complete the race.

River Road Foods will be bringing their Coffee Cart, selling tasty treats and beverages while the event is going on. The Friends of the Library will also be handing out free Freeze Pops.

"There is quite a bit that goes into making a race happen," Mattson said. "And with this being our first one, we are learning a lot along the way.

"There are larger aspects like figuring out what the route will be, asking for sponsorships, and getting approval from the City of Plainwell as well as all of the smaller details like stuffing swag bags and making sure we have enough bananas. However, we have an amazing team of people at the library helping with all the different facets and it has been a valuable experience."

According to Mattson, Ransom will open an hour later than normal on the day of the race, at 11 a.m. However, those interested in signing up for the summer reading program or dropping off books can do so at one of the library's outdoor stations.

"We are so thankful for our partners, the City of Plainwell, and all of our sponsors," Mattson said.

Those sponsors include The Friends of Ransom District Library, Ace Hardware, Bridge Street Gallery, Four Roses Café, Old Mill Brewpub and Grill, Donnie's Auto Repair, Plainwell Ice Cream, River Road Foods and Taqueria San Francisco Bar & Grill.

"This event requires brief local road closures, and we are doing our best to let our neighbors know in advance," Mattson said. "We are also working to keep the closures as short as possible in respect of the homeowners and businesses along the route."

The race route is now available on Ransom's website and the Color Our World Color Run Facebook event.

# Council discusses trail development

By John Raffel
Correspondent

PLAINWELL — Community Development Manager Siegel discussed West Michigan Trails Organization's development of a 42- mile non-motorized trail beginning in Kalamazoo Township and ending in Kent County at a recent meeting.

It was noted Plainwell will be working with the City of Wayland, Wayland Township, and Gun Plain Township on this project. Superintendent Pond discussed the repair annular seals. These seals stop methane from escaping, and are located on the concrete on top of the digester. There are two seals that require repair. A motion passed to approve the repair of the annular seals on both anaerobic digesters at the Water Renewal plant by Mulder Building Sealants & Restoration for $5450.

Deputy Superintendent Keyser discussed recalibrating 11 flow meters at in use by Water Renewal. This calibration is required annually by EGLE. A motion passed, approving the calibration of 11 flow meters at the Water Renewal plant by Forberg Smith for $6319.60.

# Plainwell set to consider several items

By John Raffel
Correspondent

PLAINWELL — The Plainwell city council was expected to consider at its Tuesday meeting, a resolution naming and dedicating the Plainwell Municipal Airport to Virgil Williams.

The Council was to consider setting a Public Hearing for June 23rd at 7 p.m. to review and adopt the 2025/2026 City Budget.

The Council will consider approving a three-year contract with Renewed Earth for solid waste removal at a cost of $16,500 per year.

It was noted Renewed Earth has handled leaf and brush removal and processing for the City since 2018 without issue. This is a three-year contract renewal beginning September 1, 2025 and running through August 31, 2028, at a cost of $16,500 per year. Members were also set to look at approving a three-year contract for annual street sweeping services with Walters Sweeping at a cost of $22,200 for the first year, $23,088 for the second year, and $24,011 for the third year. The Council was to consider approving the draft 2025/2026 BRA/DDA/TIFA Budget as presented. Another consideration was approving approving a contract with PK Contracting to stripe major streets in the City of Plainwell at a cost not to exceed $44,827.50.There was also slated to be a discussion on the development of the Mill Property.

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## Otsego Township

**Zoning Board of Appeals**
**Notice of Public Hearing**

NOTE: This notice is published for increased visibility as a courtesy to Otsego area residents. A notice compliant with the rules and regulations of PA 110 of 2006, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, was published in the Grand Rapids Press on Thursday, May 22nd.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, the Otsego Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 11th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at Otsego Township Hall, 400 N. 16th Street, Otsego, MI 49078.

The following items will be heard, considered, and possibly have action taken upon them:

1. A request for variance from Steven Laws, property owner of 321 15th Street, also known collectively as permanent parcel numbers 03-17-360-003-00 and 03-17-360-004-00, to reduce an existing, compliant parcel below the required minimum area of the R-1 Low-density Single-family Residential District.
2. Any other such business that comes duly before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

A copy of agenda items and draft documents is available for viewing during office hours at the above noted address. Members of the public are invited and encouraged to participate in all public hearings and open meetings within the Township.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Otsego Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) days written notice to the Township Clerk at PO Box 257, Otsego, MI 49078, by phone at 269-694-9434, or by email to jcolin@otsegotownship.org.

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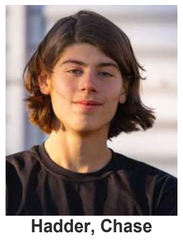
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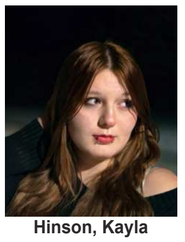
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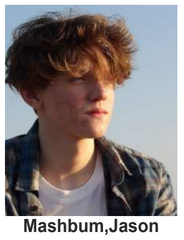
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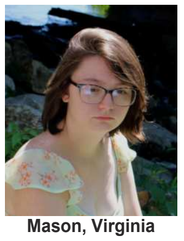
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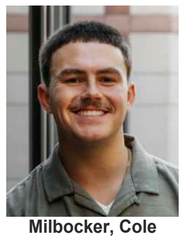
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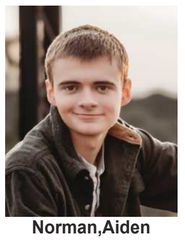
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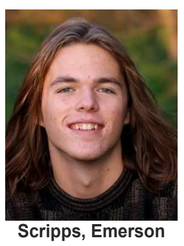
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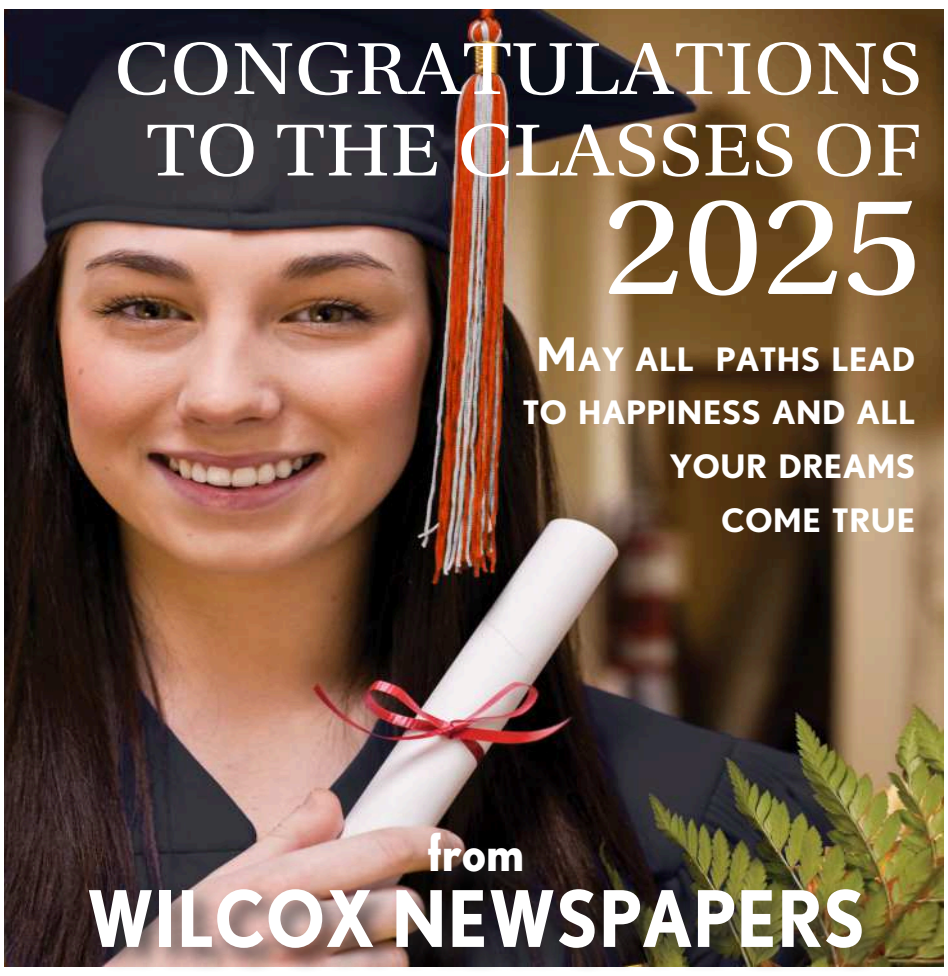

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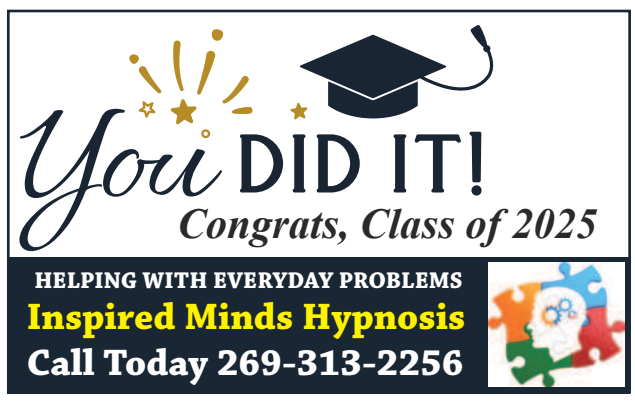


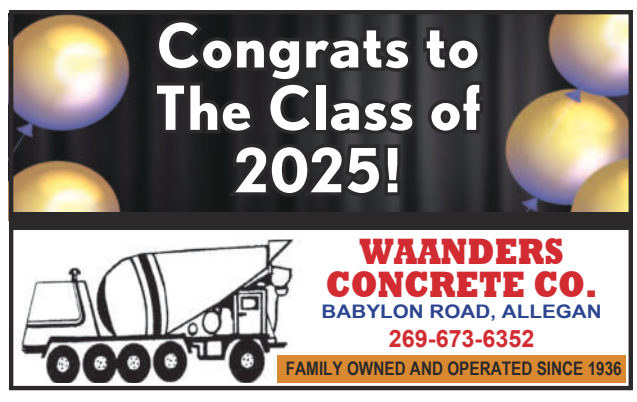


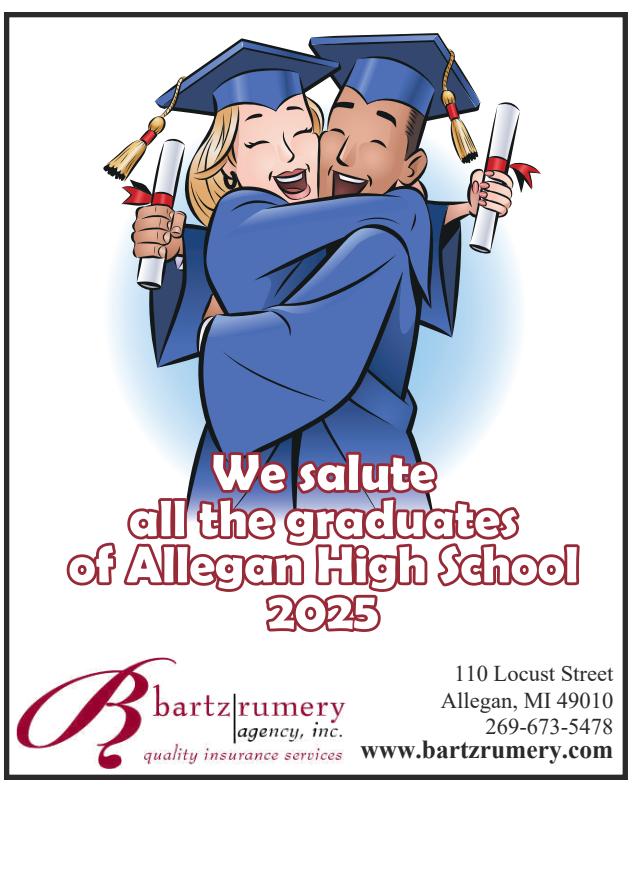


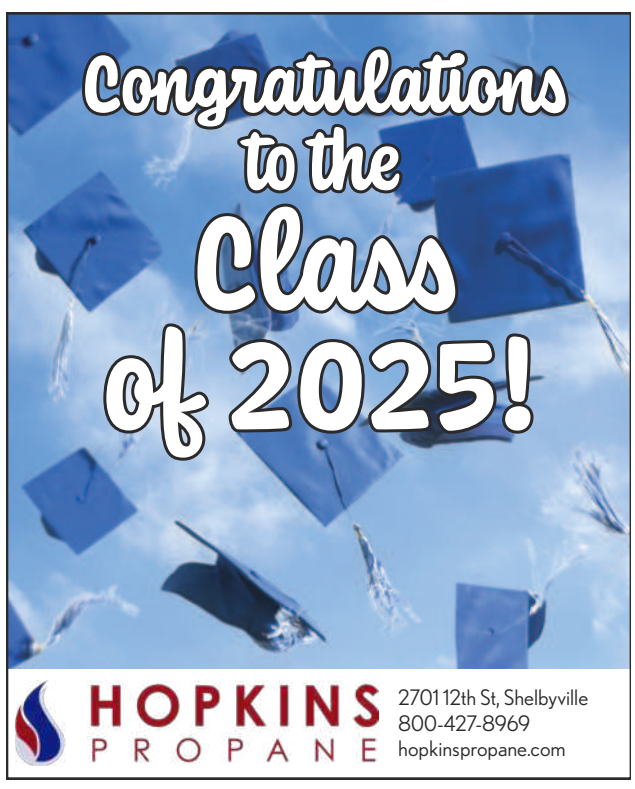

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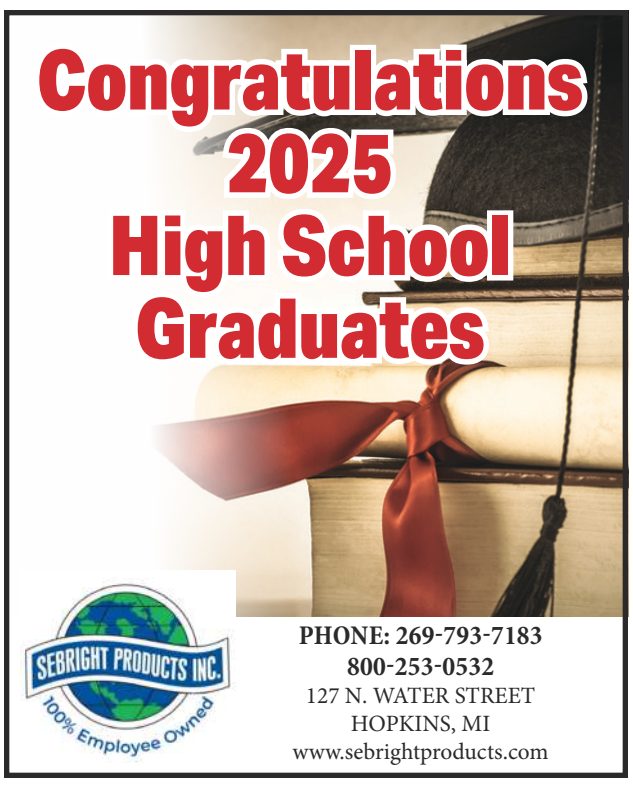


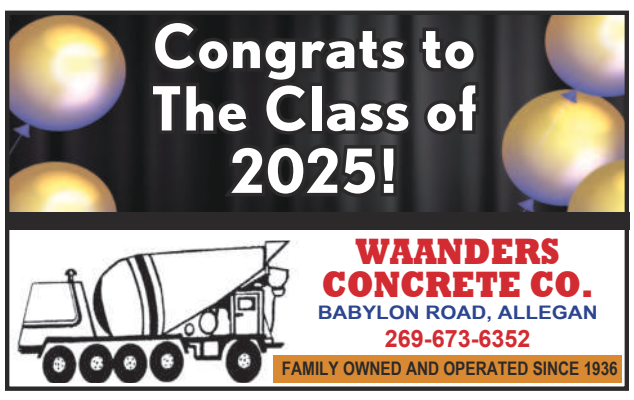


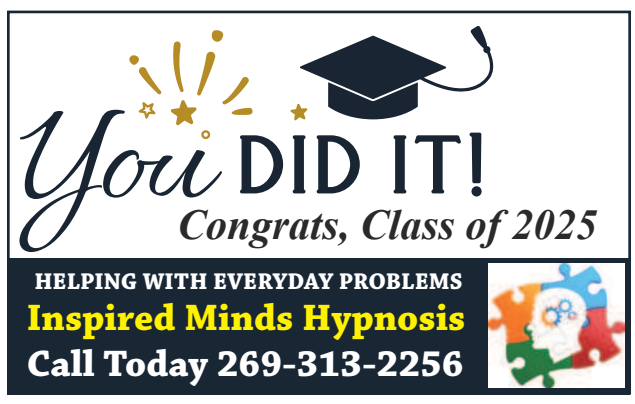

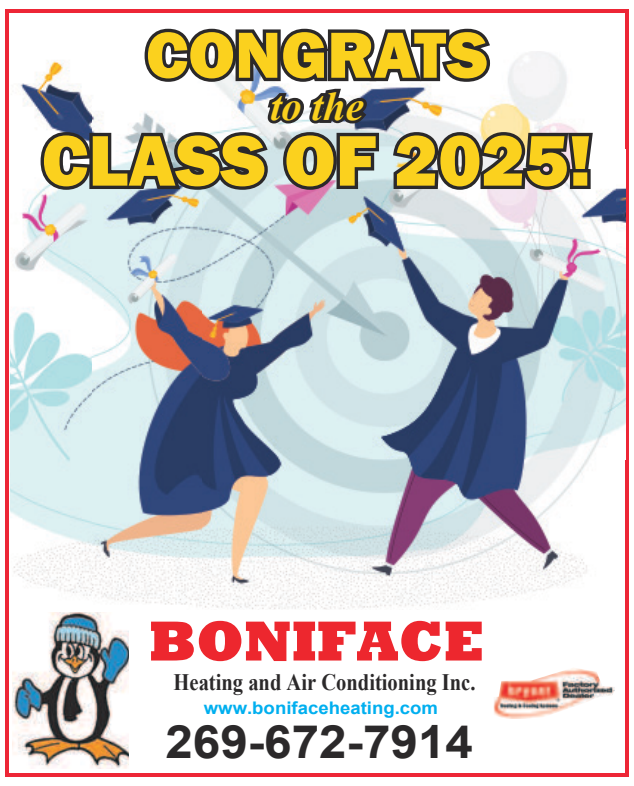


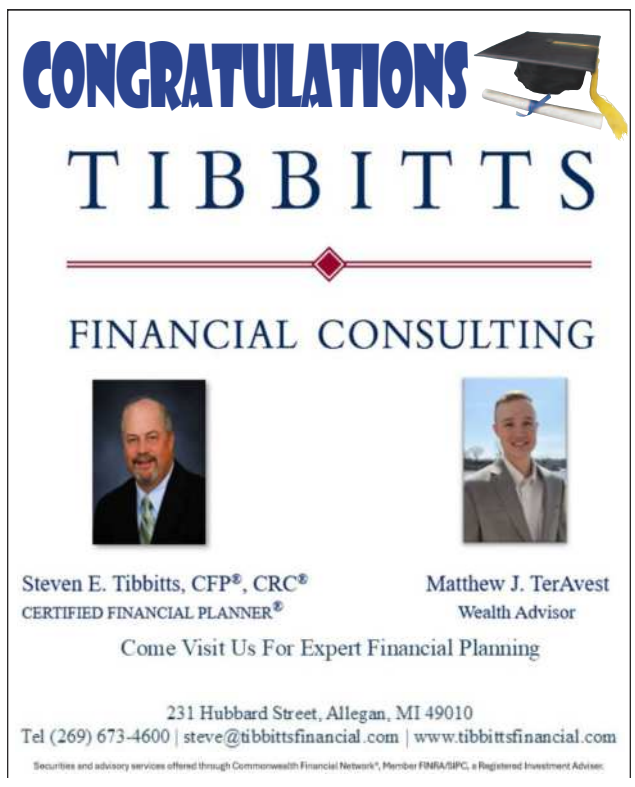

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Not Pictured: Thomas Corneillie, Malachi Kelly, Cadence Laker

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## Peek at the Past

*From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:*

**May 29, 1950**

**Church member for 72 years feted on 94th birthday:** Friday, May 26, Mrs. May Harding was honored by the friends and members of the Martin Methodist Church, who sent cards and birthday greetings on the occasion of her 94th birthday.

Mrs. Harding has been a member of the church for 72 years.

She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Murphy and was born May 26, 1856, in New York, coming to Kalamazoo at the age of two. She married D Odgen Brown Feb. 28, 1878, and they resided in Martin until his death in 1904. In 1915, she married Freeman Harding and they lived in California until his death in 1922, after which she came back to Martin to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. John Vandermonlen with whom she still lives.

**May 29, 1975**

**26 join National Honor Society Allegan chapter:** Nine seniors and 17 juniors were inducted into the Allegan High School chapter of the National Honor Society May 19 during a candlelight ceremony in the L.E. White Junior High School cafetorium.

The service, using the traditional five candles, was conducted by 23 seniors who were named to the society last year. One candle was lighted before the ceremony began and another candle was lighted at the conclusion of talk about each of the organization's core principles.

Speaking on each of the Society's four aspects were Michele Koneecki, scholarship; Arlene Ninke, leadership; Brand Doublestein, character; and Tim Nielsen, service.

Mike Staton, Allegan chapter president, was master of ceremony; Lynn Struble talked about the history and stated purpose of the Society; AHS counselor George Babcock, chapter advisor, presented a roll call of new members; and Jack Eitelbuss, West Ward School principal, addressed the group.

National Honor Society members (wearing white collars with emblems) inducted new members at a ceremony for parents and friends May 19 in the L.E. White Junior High School cafetorium. Allegan High School senior and junior class members are (front row from left to right) Michelle Konecki, Wendy Mayhew, Stacy Schroeder, Krist Greig, Treese Janke, Wendy Cook, Penny Raab, Beth Rouse, Cindy McCormick, Sandy St. John, and Brad Doublestein; second row, Julie Atherton, Linda Branham, Debbie Sagodic, Debbie Oisten, Chris Bartz, Cindy Stone, Diann Rutgers, Race Foster, Jim Atherton, Tim Sousley, and Arlene Ninke; third row, Colleen Fiscus, Faye Tanner, Carol VanEk, Diane Bishop, Nancy Nahikian, Rose Grinnell, Priscilla Oram, Julie Drozd, Dave Struble, Kathy Martin, Mike Staton, and Tim Nielsen; and back row, Patty McKenny, Dan Bessey, Jim Watson, Bob Angle, Ed Merrill Jr., Don Campbell, Nancy Byron, Chris Kiella, Julie Beckers, Lynn Struble Jr., Rick Hines, and Dennis Saye. Also inducted but not present are Charles Clegg, Janis Cochran, and Amy Wellman.

**June 1, 2000**

**Michigan man crosses country for memorial:** Think of him as a modern Jack Kerouac—with a more defined and serious purpose.

He's on the road to see America, but personal enlightenment is only one part of this quest. Greg Stechschulte is seeking to raise awareness about—and hopefully money for—the World War II monument that is being built to honor those veterans who served then.

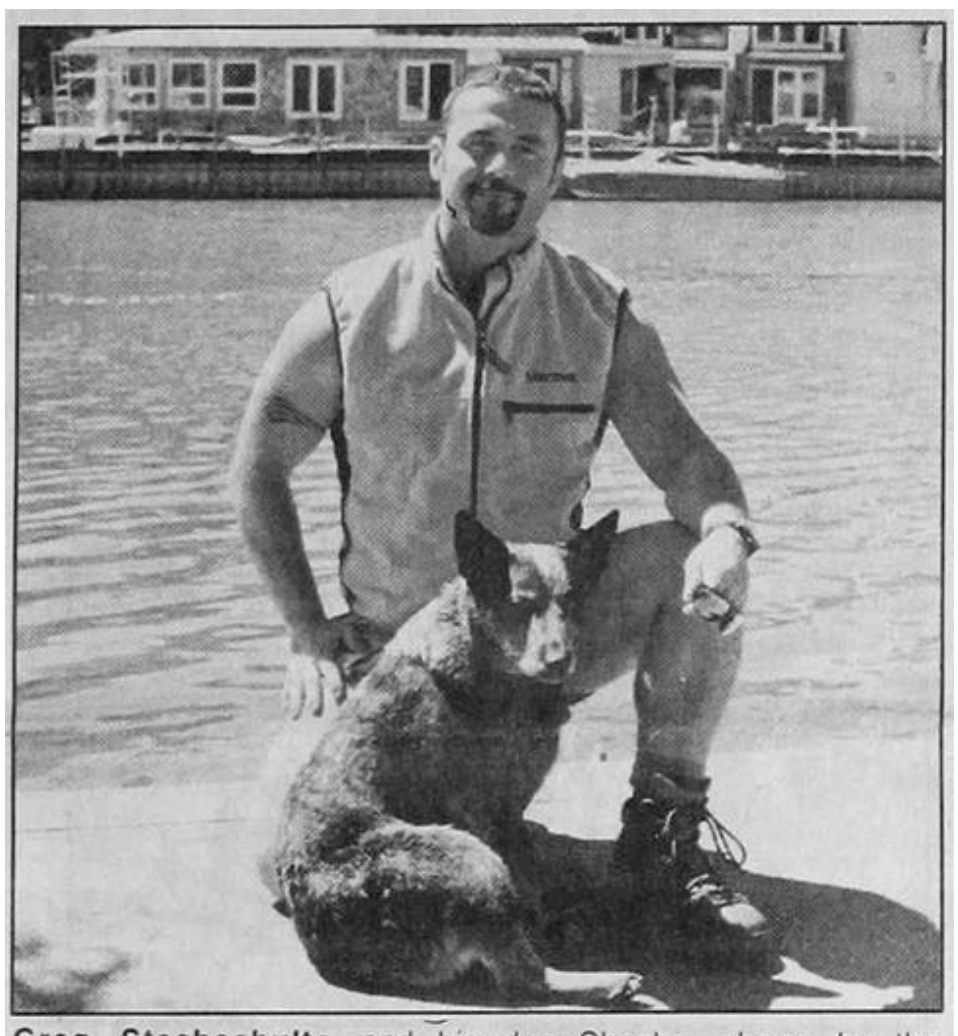
Stechschulte passed through Allegan and Saugatuck while canoeing down the Kalamazoo River as part of his trip through Michigan. He is from Hillsdale and began his trip about two weeks ago; the finished trip will require almost a year and a half out of his life.

The time does not bother him.

"I wanted to do something special, with meaning," he said. "I thought this would be a great way to show my gratitude to all the fathers and grandfathers who fought in WWII and especially for those who died for our freedom, democracy and way of life."

Stechschulte's father was a WWII veteran who fought in the South Pacific.

As his father tied when Stechschulte was eight, the Discovery and History channels are credited with much of his knowledge about and deep feelings for those who sacrificed in WWII.



**Greg Stechschulte** and his dog Shecha, shown by the Kalamazoo River in Saugatuck, are spending time hiking America to promote awareness of and raise money for the new World War II monument finally being built to honor veterans of that war. (Photo by Daniel Osborn)

**May 28, 2020**

**Allegan schools take thank-you parades to students, families:** Allegan elementary schools marked the end of the school year with thank-you parades of teachers and staff weaving through their schools' neighborhoods.

They honked, held supportive signs, waved and smiled while students and their families were invited to their front yards.

Dawson Elementary School principal Rebecca Shuper said, "This was one more way to tell our families we miss them and think about them daily."

It was even more heartfelt since North Ward will not house K-5 classes next year in the reconfiguration of the district's buildings.

Shuper said, "We had some North Ward teachers who really wanted to do this, especially due to not getting a farewell with the pandemic; they won't ever be back together like that."

She said the idea for the parades was scrambled together in the last couple of weeks, as they brainstormed ways to celebrate but not potentially spread the coronavirus.

"So we shared some ideas on social media and got a multitude of feedback," Shuper said. "It was amazing how many wanted to participate.

"We just wanted to be able to express to the students and their families that it was much appreciated that they have been diligently coming to school every two weeks to get work packets. It was our turn to go to them. I even spotted some who relocated to a different spot to see the parade more than once."

*—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk*

## Deaths

**May 6, 2025**
**DAVID RICHARD THOMPSON,** 80, Valley Twp.

**May 7, 2025**
**JOHN PAUL SMITH,** 87, Allegan TWp.

**May 10, 2025**
**GERALD JUNIOR JAGER,** 94, Saugatuck Twp.

**May 11, 2025**
**HECTOR SOTO,** 62, Holland
**LEON JAY VAN REES,** 91, Holland
**CHARLES HENRY WRIGHT,** 88, Hopkins Twp.

**May 12, 2025**
**MARILYN ALBERTA NORTON,** 89, Otsego Twp.

**May 13, 2025**
**CARL EUGENE BAKER,** 94, Trowbridge Twp.
**DELIA DELORES GARVISON,** 94, Trowbridge Twp.
**THOMAS JOHN PLATSCHORRE,** 70, Monterey Twp.
**JUDY MAE ZIMMERMAN,** 72, Watson Twp.

**May 15, 2025**
**DONALD CHARLES WRAY,** 86, Otsego Twp.
**EVELYN LAVERNE LACY,** 92, Clyde Twp

**May 19, 2025**
**EVELYN MAE KELLY,** 95, Otsego Twp.

## Marriages

*The following people applied for a marriage license between May 14 and May 20:*

**MANTAS SIMONIUTIS**, Fennville, and **SANDRA GILEVICIUTE**, Fennville

**JOSEPH WILLIAM SCHLOFF**, Dorr, and **JENNA LEIGH POTTER**, Dorr

**TONYA MAE KLIFMAN**, Allegan, and **IRVIN SHELBY NORWOOD JR**, Allegan

**KEVIN LEE MILLER**, Hamilton, and **JESSICA LYNNE MARSH**, Hamilton

**CHRISTIANA MICHAEL BEAUCHAMP**, Wayland, and **DEANDRE DERRICK SANFORD**, Warren

**THERESA ANNE MARIE BILD**, Fennville, and **JAMES EDWARD GOLIGHTLY**, INDIANAPOLIS, IN

**MICHAEL LEE HEPPE**, Hopkins, and **AUDREY ANN MILESKI**, Martin

**MACKENZIE ELAINE MUNGUIA**, Wayland, and **JOSEPH ANTHONY GONZALES**, Wayland

**JAMES RYAN SCHOLTEN**, Holland, and **KYLIE ELYSE SNELLER**, Hamilton

**JENNIFER LEE RIETMAN**, Plainwell, and **AUSTIN XAVIER OCONNELL**, Plainwell

**BRIANNA IMA ESSIEN**, Otsego, and **RILEY CHRISTIAN TUCKER**, Otsego

**MACKENZIE ROSE TAYLOR**, Hamilton, and **BOYD ANSON JESSE COWAN**, Blyth

**JUSTIN CARL OETMAN**, Wayland, and **EMMA MARIE KRUGH**, Wayland

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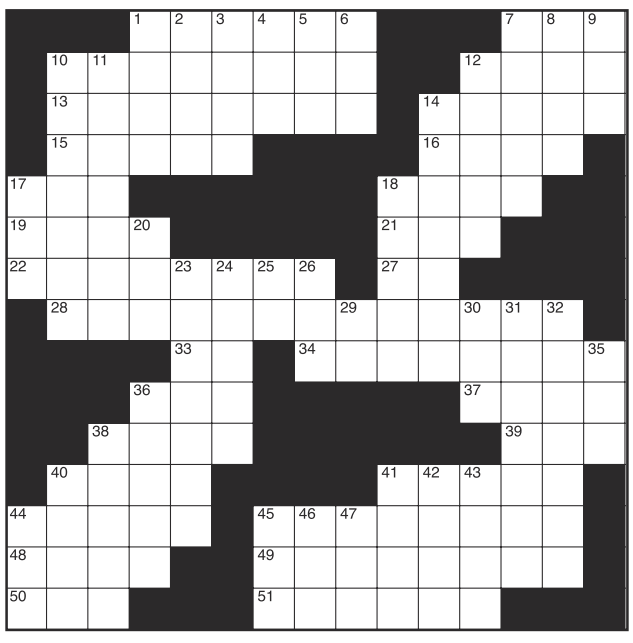

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12. Bangladeshi currency
13. Burial site
14. In the lead
15. Large recesses in a church
16. Count on
17. Defunct phone company
18. Golf scores
19. Afflicts
21. Defensive nuclear weapon
22. Prominence
27. 'The Great Lakes State'
28. SoCal ballplayer
33. Location of White House
34. Magnificence
36. Hip hop songstress
37. Capital of Yemen
38. __ Blyton, children's author
39. Bomb
40. Pancake made of buckwheat flour
41. Pinkish-violet color
44. A way to make right
45. Monument to one buried elsewhere
48. Region south of Dead Sea
49. Acts out against
50. Harsh cry of a crow
51. Formal title for a woman

CLUES DOWN
1. Kitchen devices
2. Wings
3. Mythological birds
4. Everyone has one
5. Matchstick game
6. Bar bill
7. Weights
8. Satisfactorily
9. Small amount
10. Tree types
11. Small protuberances
12. Equivalent of 100K BTU
14. Type of horse
17. More (Spanish)
18. Argentinian province
20. A bad act
23. Moving in a circular way
24. Battery type
25. Atomic #58
26. Popular breakfast food
29. An alternative
30. Tooth caregiver
31. A way to conform
32. Disfigured men
35. Cool!
36. Genus of mosses
38. Body part
40. Kashmiri people
41. Round water pot
42. Something to purchase
43. Emit coherent radiation
44. Indicates 10
45. Advertising metric
46. Pitching stat
47. Head movement

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# Public Notices

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on June 5, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Chris Wheatley, married man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PennyMac Loan Services LLC
Date of Mortgage: October 27, 2021
Date of Mortgage Recording: November 9, 2021
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $157,538.06
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Salem, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: That part of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 4 North, Range 13 West, Salem Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as commencing at the South 1/4 post of said Section; thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 31 seconds West, on the South Section line, 931.40 feet; thence North 01 degrees 31 minutes 12 seconds West, parallel to the East line of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of Southwest 1/4, 710.50 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence continuing North 01 degrees 31 minutes 12 seconds West, 380.17 feet; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 31 seconds East, parallel to the South Section line, 270.00 feet to the East line of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 33; thence South 01 degrees 31 minutes 12 seconds East, on said East line, 380.17 feet; thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 31 seconds West, 270.00 feet to the point of beginning. Together with and subject to a 50 foot wide private roadway easement for ingress and egress over and across a strip of land described as beginning at a point on the South line of Section 33, Town 4 North, Range 13 West, being South 88 degrees 39 minutes 31 seconds West 881.40 feet from the South 1/4 corner of Section 33; thence proceeding on The South line of Section 33, South 88 degrees 39 minutes 31 seconds West 50.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 31 minutes 12 seconds West 1290.67 feet; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 31 seconds East 50.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 31 minutes 12 seconds East 1290.87 feet to the point of beginning of this easement description. That part of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 4 North, Range 13 West, Salem Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the South line of Section 33 being South 88 degrees 39 minutes 31 seconds West 881.40 feet from the South 1/4 corner of Section 33, thence proceeding on the South line of Section 33, South 88 degrees 39 minutes 31 seconds West 50.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 31 minutes 12 seconds West 1290.67 feet; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 31 seconds East 50.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 31 minutes 12 seconds East 1290.67 feet to the point of beginning. Also, an easement over a strip of land 18 feet East and West by 400 feet North and South lying adjacent to the West line of the above described premises, said 18 feet by 400 feet lying adjacent to the South section line.
Common street address (if any): 3731 Deer Pathway Ave, Hamilton, MI 49419-8583
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: May 8, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on July 03, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Tracy Ensley, unmarried Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: August 31, 2016 Recorded on September 26, 2016, Liber 4069, on Page 474, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Huntington National Bank Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Seventy-Two Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Six and 03/100 Dollars ($72,426.03) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Lots 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 and Lots 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 and Lots 49, 50 and 51 of Round Lake Beach Plat, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2A of plats, Page 66, Allegan County Records. EXCEPT: All that part of Lots 18 and 19, and vacated Chicago Avenue and Beach Avenue of the Plat of Round Lake Beach, according to the recorded Plat thereof, in Section 18, Town 2 North, Range 14 West, and described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot 52 of said Plat; thence South 01° 39`09" West along the East line of Vacated Chicago Avenue, 30.00 feet; thence North 88° 38`21" West on the South line of Lot 18, 242.01 feet to the Westerly line of said Plat; thence North 20° 54`11" East (Previously recorded as North 21 East) on said line, 66.33 feet; thence South 79° 56`53" East 215.14 feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 52 of said Plat and the Place of Beginning. Commonly known as 1806 48th St, Fennville, MI 49408 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The Huntington National Bank Mortgagee/ Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
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Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on JULY 3, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Parker Stevens, an unmarried man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Top Flite Financial, Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 13, 2024 and recorded August 14, 2024 in Liber 4965, Page 453 Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Owner Trustee of Basin Residential Loan Trust, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Six and 74/100 Dollars ($192,886.74).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on JULY 3, 2025.
Said premises are located in the Township of DORR, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:
Lot 23, Litchfield Downs, according to the recorded plat thereof, filed in Liber 10, Page 55, records of Allegan County, State of Michigan.
4175 Radstock Dr, Dorr, Michigan 49323
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.
Dated: May 15, 2025
File No. 25-004598
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
(05-15)(06-05)

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
KENOSHA COUNTY
PUBLICATION SUMMONS
Case No. 25-CV-000358 Branch 5
The Honorable David P. Wilk
Case Code 30404
(Foreclosure of Mortgage)
The amount claimed exceeds $10,000.00
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
11625 N Community House Rd
Charlotte, NC 28277
Plaintiff,
vs.
James T. Sewell
11411 270th Ave
Trevor, WI 53179-9343
Jane Doe Sewell
11411 270th Ave
Trevor, WI 53179-9343
Defendants.
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
To each person named above as a defendant:
You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.
Within 40 days after May 22, 2025 you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 912 56th Street, Kenosha, WI 53140-3736 and to Gray & Associates, L.L.P., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 16345 West Glendale Drive, New Berlin, WI 53151-2841. You may have an attorney help or represent you.
If you do not demand a copy of the complaint within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
Dated this 9 day of May, 2025.
Gray & Associates, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
By: Ian J. Thomson
State Bar No. 1076280
Case No. 25-CV-000358 Branch 5
16345 West Glendale Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151-2841
(414) 224-1987
Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
48TH CIRCUIT COUrt JUDICIAL DISTRICT
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY
STATE OF MICHIGAN
ORDER REGARDING
ALTERNATE SERVICE
CASE NO. 2570023CK
Court address 113 CHESTNUT ST COUNTY BLDG., ALLEGAN, MI 49010
Court telephone no (269) 673-0300
Plaintiff's name, address, and telephone no.
COMMUNITY CHOICE CREDIT UNION
c/o Attorney
Plaintiff's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no.
HOLZMAN LAW, PLLC.
Daniel Holzman (P82344) / Michael T. Mamut (P81102)
Clarence A.S. Kennedy (P88082)
28366 Franklin Road
Southfield. MI 48034
248-355-2240
v
Defendent
ADELBERT Canfeild
4884 112TH AVE
PULLMAN MI, 49450
THE COURT FINDS:
1. Service of process upon the defendant, ADELBERT CANFORD cannot reasonably be made as provided in  MCR 2.105 and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.
IT IS ORDERED:
2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order shall be made by the following method(s).
a. First-class mail to 4884 112TH AVE PULLMAN, MI 49450
b. Tacking or firmly affixing to the door at 4884 112TH AVE PULLMAN, MI 49450
d. Other: ceitiod Mail / Return Receipt Requested
Publish for 3 Consecutive weeks per MCR 2.106
For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.
Matthew Antioviak P-59446
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Circuit Court Case No. 22-66437-CH NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE In pursuance and by virtue of an Order of the Circuit Court for the County of Allegan, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 20th day of November, 2024, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein David Setzke was the Plaintiff, and Hany Boutros the Defendant. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Mich. Court Rule 3.403, the Allegan County Circuit Court has authorized Hany Boutros to conduct a partition sale of all of a certain piece or parcel of land situated in the City of Fennville, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, commonly known as 2425 58th Street, Fennville, MI 49408, Parcel I.D. No. 62-032-030-00. A hearing will be held at the Allegan County Circuit Court, 113 Chestnut St., Allegan, MI 49010, on the 17th day of July, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., in the courtroom of Judge Matthew Antkoviak, in case number 22-66437-CH, to confirm the sale of the above-described property to Hans Hansen in a cash sale for the price of $645,000. Confirmation of the sale is subject to any higher and better offers that may be submitted at the confirmation hearing. Dated: May 15, 2025 CLARK HILL PLC By: David F. Hansma (P71056) Attorney for Defendant
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE OF HEARING
TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS
File no. 25-70280-AY
Judge Jolene A. Clearwater
In the matter of Finnian Callum Piotr Smus, adoptee
TO: Brett Thomas O'Day
Address Unknown
TAKE NOTICE: On July 1, 2025 at 11:00am, in the Family Court courtroom Allegan County Courthouse located at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 before Jolene A. Clearwater, Family Court Judge, a hearing will be held on the PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS. The law provides that you should be notified of this hearing. If you fail to appear at this hearing YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS MAY BE TERMINATED.
If you choose to attend this hearing and you require special accommodations to use the court because of a disability or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arrangements.
May, 21, 2025
Margaret L. Webb P69048
PO Box 265
Dorr, MI 49323
(616) 681-0100
Breanna & Logan McKellips
4284 Scarborough Avenue
Wayland, MI 49348
(616) 552-3555

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TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable)
whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: KRISTEN LINDSEY KLEEHAMMER has filed a petition for name change.
A name change hearing will be held on TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2025 AT 10:00 AM EST at FAMILY COURT COURTROOM before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater P74848 , to change the name of:KRISTEN LINDSEY KLEEHAMMER to KRISTEN KLEEHAMMER LINDSEY

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PUBLICATION OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS REVOCABLE TRUST
In the Matter of: The Martha Jane Jeffreys Living Trust
TAKE NOTICE: The Martha Jane Jeffreys Living Trust ("The Trust") was established on October 6, 2016. The Settlor, Martha Jane Jeffreys lived at 2846 64th Street, Fennville, Michigan 49408 was born on October 8, 1936, and died on March 23, 2025.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Creditors of the Settlor, Martha Jane Jeffreys, and/or "The Trust" are notified that all claims against The Martha Jane Jeffreys Living Trust will be forever barred unless presented to: Martha M. Jeffreys, Successor Trustee, of 2846 64th Street, Fennville, Michigan 49408, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Dated: May 16 2025
David F.Kiel (P43048)
ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, McKOWN & KIEL, P.C.
314 Trowbridge St., P.O. Box 239
Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 673-2136

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Notice to Creditors
Estate of Sandra K. Patin
Date of Birth: February 26, 1950
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Sandra K. Patin, of 1016 Eley Street, Otsego, MI 49078, Allegan County, Michigan died March 3, 2025.
Creditors of Sandra K. Patin are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to: Robert P. Patin, Trustee of the Sandra Kay Patin Protection Trust, u/a/d September 28, 2011, as modified through the Exercise of the Power of Appointment on October 11, 2022, care of Carrier Law, P.C., 4965 East Beltline Avenue NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49525 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
March 25, 2025
David L. Carrier P41531
4965 East Beltline Avenue NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525 (616) 361-8400
Robert P. Patin
1016 Eley Street
Otsego, MI 49078

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Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on JULY 3, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary L. Burnett, Jr. and Amber Burnett, to National City Mortgage a division of National City Bank, Mortgagee, dated October 2, 2007 and recorded October 16, 2007 in Liber 3168, Page 933 Allegan County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Five and 66/100 Dollars ($75,155.66).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on JULY 3, 2025.
Said premises are located in the City of Otsego, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:
Lot 75 of Raven's Addition to the Village (now City) of Otsego, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof.
309 Mckinley Street, Otsego, Michigan 49078
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.
Dated: May 29, 2025
File No. 24-013575
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on July 17, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): David Christopher Cooper, a single man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: December 19, 2002 Recorded on January 14, 2003, Liber 2376, on Page 536, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Huntington National Bank Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Forty Thousand Seven Hundred Two and 65/100 Dollars ($40,702.65) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Lot 15 of Atwater`s Addition to the City of Fennville, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 14 Commonly known as 229 Wilson St, Fennville, MI 49408 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The Huntington National Bank Mortgagee/ Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 49c of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, 1966 PA 346, MCL 125.1449c, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on July 03, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Jayce Brinks and Alexandria Brinks, husband and wife as joint tenants with right of survivorship Original Mortgagee: Neighborhood Loans, Inc. Date of mortgage: July 22, 2022 Recorded on September 27, 2022, Liber 4801, on Page 758, and re-recorded via Affidavit of Correction on September 28, 2022, Liber 4802, on Page 86, and re-recorded via Loan Modification recorded on October 31, 2024 in Liber 4986, on Page 727 Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Michigan State Housing Development Authority Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Two Hundred Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-One and 40/100 Dollars ($212,831.40) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Commencing at a point on the centerline of Ely Street, 297 feet South 52 degrees West of the East line of Section 29, Town 2 North, Range 13 West; thence Southeasterly at right angles to Ely Street to the East line of Section 29; thence North on the Section line to a point 330 feet South of the centerline of Ely Street; thence West 33 feet; thence North 17 degrees West to the centerline of Ely Street; thence Southwest along the centerline of Ely Street to the Point of Beginning, EXCEPT: Commencing at a point on the Section line between Sections 28 and 29, 330 feet South of the centerline of Ely Street; thence West 33 feet; thence Southeasterly at right angles to Ely Street 24 feet; thence Southwesterly parallel to Ely Street 83 feet; thence Southeasterly at right angles to Ely Street, to above referred to section line; thence North on section line to the Point of Beginning; ALSO EXCEPT: Commencing on the centerline of Ely Street 91.5 feet South 52 degrees West from the East line of Section 29, Town 2 North, Range 13 West; running thence South parallel with said East Section line 120.5 feet; thence North 17 degrees West to the centerline of Ely Street; thence Northeasterly along the centerline of Ely Street to the Point of Beginning. ALSO EXCEPT: Commencing at a point on the centerline of Ely Street 122.75 feet South 52 degrees West of the East line of Section 29; thence South 17 degrees East 62.96 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 17 degrees East 130.14 feet; thence North 27 degrees 54 minutes 37 seconds West 78.03 feet; thence North 01 degree 34 minutes 14 seconds West 55.51 feet to the Point of Beginning. Commonly known as 513 Ely St, Allegan, MI 49010 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 125.1449v, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 125.1449v(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Michigan State Housing Development Authority Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
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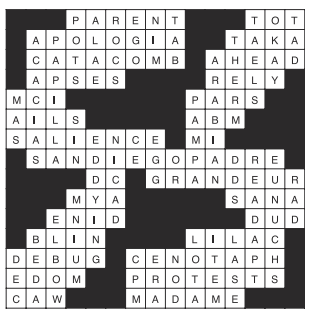


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# RELIGION SECTION

I have always had a very deep appreciation for the Epistle of St James. Not being the brightest student in seminary, I was soon falling behind in theology and frustrated and confused by all the various forms of doctrine and dogma. It was all very interesting, but I prefer something practical. That was intensified after I read a biography of Bishop Wilson Seely Lewis of Iowa who, in the 1890s, taught the need for practical, practicing Christianity.

St James taught the same message about putting faith into action, and it still resonates with me.

The challenge for many comes in the verse where he instructs us that anyone who doubts is double-minded. The verse is not the challenge, nearly as much as how it has been interpreted and used. It occurs when a teacher, from elementary Sunday school to university professors, tell their students that doubting is wicked and evil; that God despises it, and it leads to failed Christians.

It is even more dangerous when someone egotistically believes that they are such a devout Christian, so close to God, that they will not yield to what is sometimes politely referred to as the "temptations of the flesh." One semester when I was teaching a college business ethics class, we looked at the professional and personal dangers of too close a relationship with co-workers.

Several of the students were immediately indignant. "That won't happen to me! I'm a church going, Bible believing Christian!" one of them shouted. Another student, trying to change the subject, added, "Same goes for me. And I would NEVER defraud or steal money from the company that hires me."

These were intelligent people, and I am very sure that they understood the dangers of relationships at work or with clients. Perhaps they had seen the damage it does to their lives, and did not want it to happen to them. Instead of quietly say that it could happen if they let down their guard, they vehemently responded. In some ways it reminded of a fellow student at school who would write out his sermon, and then in the margin write, "weak point - shout here," under the belief that if he shouted, everyone would believe him.

Doubt, in all areas, is a very real part of life, and not something to be feared or shunned. I believe we best honor God by admitting our confusion and double-mindedness, and then asking God to show us the direction he wants us to take.

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